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Births.

BULL.—November 27, at Illilliwa, Ethel-street, Burwood, the wife of J. A. Bull, of a son.

CAY.—December 7, at Euroka, Randwick, the wife of S. M. Cay, of a daughter.

COGHLAN.—December 14, at No. 1 Bayswater Villa, Double Bay, the wife of Charles A. Coghlan, of a daughter.

DAVIS.—December 8, at her residence, Lucerne, Paddington-street, the wife of W. L. Davis of a son.

DELANEY.—December 6, at Blacktheath, the wife of W. Delaney, jun., of a son.

LANE.—December 9, at her residence, Cook's River-road, St. Peters, the wife of J. T. Lane, of a daughter.

MELDRUM.—December 9, at her residence, Weldin View, Grenfell, the wife of R. W. Meldrum, licensed surveyor, of a son.

MOORE-JONES.—December 2, 1892, the wife of Horace Moore-Jones, of a son.

THOMSON.—December 1, at Pitt-street, North Sydney, the wife of John B. Thomson, of a daughter.

WATTS.—November 26, at her residence, Bellarista, Railway-street, Petersham, the wife of J. H. Watts, of a daughter.

Marriages.

BULLOUGH—BREMER.—November 10, at Holy Trinity Church, Tulse Hill, by the Rev. E. L. Roxby, M.A., vicar, Joseph Robinson Bullough, of Belmont, Bornesley-road, Streatham, and Sydney, N.S.W., to Christine Annie, fourth daughter of J. Frederick Bremer, of Tulse Hill, and Mark-lane, London.

FREEMAN—SHORT.—November 24, at West Maitland, by the Rev. J. E. Carruthers, Henry Freeman, of Sydney, to Minnie, eldest daughter of William Short, West Maitland.

HERKES—WALSH.—December 7, by special license, at the Sacred Heart, Darlinghurst, by the Rev. Father M'Carthy, Richard Robert, eldest son of A. Herkes, Esq., J.P., Wingham, to Katie, second daughter of Mr. H. H. Walsh, Crown-street, Surry Hills.

KURTS—BRADY.—November 23, by special license, at St. Patrick's, Church-hill, by Rev. P. Le Rennetel, Abe Kurts, Sydney, to Jessie, eldest daughter late John Brady, produce merchant, Church-hill, and step-daughter of Mr. P. Brophy, H.M. Customs.

LEE—BYRNES.—December 8, 1892, at All Souls' Church, Leichhardt, by the Rev. Thomas Holme, assisted by the Rev. Charles H. Gibson, German Thomas, of Newcastle (N.S.W.), fourth son of Frederick Lee, of Perth, West Australia, to Kathleen (Katie), eldest daughter of Elisha Byrnes, of Leichhardt, Sydney.

NASH—HALLORAN.—August 3, 1892, at St. Philip's, Sydney, by the Rev. J. D. Langley, Beatrice, second daughter of the late Captain John Halloran, of Ireland, to George William, only son of George Nash, of Ramore.

VEROLI—MEEHAN.—November 24, at Sacred Heart Church, by the Rev. Father M'Carthy, Italo Veroli, of Marrickville, to Florence Genevieve Meehan, second remaining daughter of the late John Meehan, of Goulburn

WEBB—HARDY.—November 22, at St. Paul's Church, Redfern, George Earnest, third son of William Webb, Railway Hotel, George-street, Sydney, to Mary Ann Hardy, of London. English papers please copy.

Deaths.

BOYD.—November 11, at Penang, Strait Settlement, in her 24th year, Ada Ina, the dearly beloved wife of Alex. Boyd, late of Stanley's Opera Company.

CRAMP.—December 15, 1892, at Ithaca, Woollahra, Harold, son of John J. Cramp, aged 3 months.

DELLIT.—December 10, at his parents' residence, No. 249 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, James Oliver, the dearly-beloved son of Albert and Kate Dellit, aged 10 weeks.

FERBRACHE.—December 15, at 1 Bowen-terrace, Brighton-street, Petersham, Louisa Ferbrache, aged 22 years.

GOULDING.—December 15, 1892, at his residence, 23 Jeffrey-street, North Sydney, Eugene Goulding, in his 64th year.

GUILE.—December 6, at her residence, Hopeful, North Botany, Mary, Mrs. Robert Guile, relict of the late John Guile, of Botany, in her 80th year. At rest after a long illness. Inserted by her son Henry Guile.

HERON.—December 14, at Hinemoa, Bishop's-avenue, Randwick, Kenneth William, infant son of William Heron.

JEFFERY.—December 8, 1892, at his residence, Marian Villa, Park-road, Marrickville, Oliver James, the dearly-loved and eldest son of Henry and Mary Jeffery. He passed peacefully away, after a most painful illness of 14 months, in his 40th year. At rest at last.

LOCHHEAD.—November 26, Frederick Walter, third son of W. K. Lochhead, of Newcastle, died from injuries received through being thrown from his horse.

MARIN LA MESLEE.—November 13, at the residence of the parents, Malta, 171 Glenmore-road, Yvonne Claudine Amélie Louise, aged 3 years and 6 months.

M'LEOD.—December 11, at the residence of her parents, John-street, Pyrmont, Mary, the only beloved daughter of John and Maggie M'Leod, aged 24 years, after a short illness. Glasgow papers please copy.

PAINE.—December 15, 1892, at George-street, Windsor, N.S.W., Robert Dick Paine, son of John Jackson and Marion Jean Paine, aged 5 months and 1 week.

In Memoriam.

COHEN.—In fond and loving memory of my dear wife, Priscilla Cohen, who departed this life December 16, 1887. Inserted by her loving husband and children. Abraham Cohen.

FINLAYSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband, who died the 17th December, 1891. Inserted by his loving wife, Maggie Finlayson.

GEMELL.—December 18, 1886, William Gemell, master mariner, many years in the service of the A.S.N. Company, aged 62 years, leaving nine children.

"Sweet his memory to the lonely,
In my heart he will perish not."
Inserted by his lonely widow, Janet Gemell.

ROLE.—In loving remembrance of my adopted daughter, Maggie Hole, who departed this life on 17th December, 1887. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving mother, M. J. Cook.

SELWYN.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Charles Selwyn, who was called home 18th December, 1891; also our beloved mother, Eliza Selwyn, who fell asleep 9th July, 1882. Inserted by their affectionate daughters, C. and M.

WALSH.—In loving remembrance of the Reverend Canon Walsh, founder and first priest of Christ Church, St. Laurence, Sydney, who died at Bodalla on Sunday, 17th December, 1882.

Lord, all-pitying Jesu blest,
Grant him Thine eternal rest.

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They rest in peace, 'tis truly said, but we,
We lose, it seemeth, by their exodus.
E'en as they profit what to them by us peace
To us is rain, for this we know full well,
Past greatness never shall repeat itself,
Nor yet past goodness. Other men are born
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In some sort otherwise, and those we loved
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Melbourne	6282	R. D. Murray	Feb.	16 Feb.	22 March 1
Himalaya	6960	J. Orman	Mar.	4 Mar.	11 Mar. 15
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TOILET REQUISITES.—Hair Brushes, Military Brushes, Hat and Clothes Brushes, Tooth Powder and Pastes from the best makers, and various other useful articles for which we are so widely known.

We are not neglecting to do our best for the little ones (and the inevitable stocking). We have a large parcel of Bon Bons, prices from 10d to 2s 6d box.

STATIONERY.

In this Department, which of late has increased so rapidly, we are prepared to offer some really useful articles, specially imported for Christmas and New Year's trade. Writing Desks and Tourists' Cases, we have a large stock of; Blotting Pads and Jewel ditto, in great variety; Plain and Fancy Stationery, in packets and boxes, to please the most fastidious tastes; Picture Books for children in endless variety.

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WARWICK FARM RACES.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17.

SPECIAL TRAINS will leave Sydney for the Warwick Farm Racecourse as under:—

Second-class, 12 noon, from No. 8 Platform; first-class, 12.20 p.m., from No. 9 Platform; and first and second class, 12.40 p.m., from No. 10 Platform.

The 6.30 a.m., 9.5 a.m., and 1.50 p.m. ex Sydney will set down passengers at the Warwick Farm Platform if required. The 12 and 12.40 p.m. specials will stop at Strathfield to pick up passengers from the North.

A Special Train for Horses will leave Sydney at 11 a.m. Accommodation will be provided by this train for trainers and jockeys only.

The Special Trains will return from Warwick Farm Course immediately after the last race.

RETURN FARES AS UNDER:—

First-class to Grand Stand, 14s; First-class to Grand Stand (ladies), 8s; Second-class to Leger, 5s; First-class to Course, 4s; Second-class, 2s.

Tickets can be obtained at the Central Booking Office, George-street; Tramway Office, Bent-street; and at Redfern Station.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, 1892-3.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from all stations to all stations, commencing with the mail trains leaving terminal stations on SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1892, and thereafter by all trains until TUESDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1893, both days inclusive; available for return until TUESDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1893.

Intercolonial fares as under:—

From Melbourne to Brisbane and vice versa—
First-class return £10 0 0
Second-class return 6 17 6

From Newcastle to Brisbane and vice versa—
First-class return £4 15 6
Second-class return 3 13 0

From Sydney to Brisbane and vice versa—
First-class return £5 0 0
Second-class return 3 0 0

From Sydney to Melbourne and vice versa—
First-class return £5 6 6
Second-class return 4 0 0

To be issued from MONDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1892, to FRIDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1892, inclusive; available for return for two months; not available by express. Passengers wishing to travel by the express to pay the difference between the ordinary and holiday excursion rates—viz., 1st first-class, and 1½ second-class.

From Sydney to Adelaide and vice versa—
First-class return £7 6 8
Second-class return 4 18 0

From Sydney to Broken Hill and vice versa—
First-class return £10 4 8
Second-class return 6 15 8

SPECIAL CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS at 2d per mile first-class, minimum 5s, and 1d per mile second-class, minimum 2s 6d, will be issued by the undermentioned trains:—

FROM SYDNEY:

To GOULBURN at 6.10 p.m. 23rd Dec., 11.20 p.m. 24th Dec., 7.55 a.m. 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.

To BUNDANOON at 7.55 a.m. 27th Dec.

Available for return by the trains leaving Goulburn at 8.10 a.m. and 4.15 p.m. 24th, 26th Dec., and 2nd Jan.; 5.10 a.m., 26th Dec. and 3rd Jan.; and by train leaving Bundanoon at 5.30 p.m. 27th Dec.; the usual cheap tickets issued on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 23rd and 24th Dec., will also be available for return by these trains; the cheap tickets issued on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 30th and 31st Dec., will be available for return by same trains, BUT UP TO 26TH DEC. ONLY.

To KIAMA at 7.7 p.m. 23rd Dec.; 7.55 a.m., 1.50 p.m., and 11.30 p.m. 24th Dec.; 7.32 a.m. 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; and 7.55 a.m. 27th Dec.; available for return by the trains leaving Kiama 5.30 a.m., 2.35 p.m., and 6.40 p.m. 24th and 27th Dec.; 5.30 a.m., 4.20, 6.40, and 6.40 p.m. 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; 5.30 a.m., 2nd Dec. and 3rd Jan.; and by the train leaving Wollongong at 7 p.m. 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; the usual cheap tickets issued on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 23rd and 24th Dec., will also be available for return by these trains; the cheap tickets issued on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 30th and 31st Dec., will be available for return by the same trains, BUT UP TO 26th DEC. ONLY.

To ORANGE, 11.25 p.m. on 24th Dec.; Mudgee, 6.8 p.m. on 24th and 31st Dec.; Eskbank, at 8.0 a.m. on 26th and 27th Dec. and 2nd January, available for return by train leaving Orange at 5.45 p.m., and Mudgee at 7 p.m. on 27th Dec. and 1st Jan.; Bathurst, 4.30 a.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Eskbank, 5.35 p.m. on 26th and 27th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 8 a.m. on 27th Dec. and 3rd Jan.; Mount Victoria at 6.29 p.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 7.40 a.m. on 27th and 28th Dec. and 3rd Jan.; Penrith at 7.20 a.m. on 27th and 28th Dec. and 2nd and 3rd Jan.

To SINGLETON, 8.15 a.m. on 24th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Newcastle at 11.30 p.m. on 24th Dec., available for return by train leaving Singleton at 1.38 p.m. on 26th, 26th, and 27th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Newcastle at 4.40 p.m. on 24th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Gosford at 6.30 a.m. on 26th, 27th, and 28th Dec. and 2nd Jan.

TO SYDNEY:

From GOULBURN at 5.10 a.m. and 4.15 p.m. 24th Dec., and 5.10 a.m. 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan., available for return by any train (express excepted) up to 26th Jan.

From KIAMA at 5.30 a.m. 24th, 26th, and 27th Dec. and 2nd Jan. Available for return by any train up to 26th Jan.

From ORANGE, 8.45 p.m., and Mudgee at 7 p.m. on 26th Dec. and 1st Jan.; Newcastle at 8.5 a.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan. Available for return up to 26th Jan.

In addition to the ordinary service, Special Trains will run as under:—

FROM SYDNEY:

To GOULBURN, 6.10 p.m. 23rd Dec., 11.20 p.m. 24th Dec., 7.55 a.m. 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan. To Bundanoon, 7.55 a.m. 27th Dec. To BULLI, 1.0 p.m. 23rd Dec. To KIAMA, 7.7 p.m. 23rd Dec., 7.55 a.m. and 11.30 p.m. 24th Dec., 7.55 a.m. and 7.7 p.m. 26th Dec., 7.32 a.m., 8.30 a.m., and 7.7 p.m. 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan. To WOLLONGONG, 5.10 a.m. and 7.7 p.m. 24th Dec., 9.10 a.m. 26th and 27th Dec. and 2nd Jan.

To ORANGE, 7.55 p.m. 23rd and 24th Dec. and 2nd Jan., and 11.25 p.m. on 24th Dec.; Mudgee, 6.5 p.m. on 24th and 31st Dec.; Eskbank, 8 a.m. on 26th and 27th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; 5.35 p.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Mount Victoria, 5.35 p.m. on 24th and 31st Dec., 1.30 p.m. and 11.25 p.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; 11.25 p.m. on 27th Dec.; Richmond, 6.50 p.m. 26th and 27th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 11.20 p.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.

To WERRIS CREEK, 6.30 p.m. on 23rd Dec., 6.40 p.m. 26th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Murrurundi, 1.15 p.m. on 24th and 31st Dec.; Newcastle, 8.15 a.m. 24th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 4.53 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. on 24th Dec.; Gosford, 9.10 a.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Woy Woy, 10 a.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Hawkesbury, 9.25 a.m. 24th, 26th, and 27th Dec. and 2nd Jan.

TO SYDNEY:

From GOULBURN, 5.10 a.m. 24th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 4.15 p.m. 24th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan. From BUNDANOON, 5.53 p.m. 27th Dec.

From KIAMA, 5.30 a.m. and 6.40 p.m. 24th and 27th Dec., 4.20 p.m., 4.40 p.m., and 6.40 p.m. 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 5.30 a.m. 26th Dec. and 3rd Jan.

Special Trains will also be run at frequent intervals from Sydney to Rockdale, Lady Robinson's Beach, Kogarah, Sans Souci and Sandringham, Como and Loftus, returning from these places at suitable times during the evening.

From ORANGE, 8.25 p.m. on 24th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 6.45 p.m. 26th Dec. and 1st Jan.; Mudgee, 7 p.m. on 25th Dec. and 1st Jan.; Eskbank, 5.35 p.m. 26th and 27th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 5 a.m. 27th Dec. and 3rd Jan.; Mount Victoria, 6.29 p.m. 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 7.40 a.m. 27th and 28th Dec. and 3rd Jan.; Richmond, 7 p.m. 26th and 27th Dec. and 3rd Jan.

From WERRIE CREEK, 2.8 p.m. 24th and 26th Dec. and 3rd Jan.; Murrurundi, 12.30 p.m. on 24th Dec. and 1st Jan.; Newcastle, 4.40 p.m. 24th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 5 p.m. 26th Dec. and 3rd Jan.; Penrith at 7.20 a.m. on 27th and 28th Dec. and 2nd Jan.

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From GOULBURN, 8.10 a.m. 24th and 26th Dec. and 3rd Jan., 4.15 p.m. 24th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan. From BUNDANOON, 5.53 p.m. 27th Dec.

From KIAMA, 5.30 a.m. and 6.40 p.m. 24th and 27th Dec., 4.20 p.m., 4.40 p.m., and 6.40 p.m. 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 5.30 a.m. 26th Dec. and 3rd Jan.

From ORANGE, 8.45 p.m. 24th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 6.45 p.m. 26th Dec. and 1st Jan.; Mudgee, 6.5 p.m. on 24th and 31st Dec., 7.55 a.m. 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Eskbank, 8 a.m. on 26th and 27th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; 5.35 p.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Mount Victoria, 5.35 p.m. on 24th and 31st Dec., 1.30 p.m. and 11.25 p.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; 11.25 p.m. on 27th Dec.; Richmond, 6.50 p.m. 26th and 27th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 11.20 p.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.

From WERRIE CREEK, 6.30 p.m. on 23rd Dec., 6.40 p.m. 26th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Murrurundi, 1.15 p.m. on 24th and 31st Dec.; Newcastle, 8.15 a.m. 24th and 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan., 4.53 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. on 24th Dec.; Gosford, 9.10 a.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Woy Woy, 10 a.m. on 26th Dec. and 2nd Jan.; Hawkesbury, 9.25 a.m. 24th, 26th, and 27th Dec. and 2nd Jan.

Handbills and further particulars may be obtained from all stationmasters.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

Sydney, 17th December, 1892.

Calls and Dividends on Shares.

AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY.

SIXTH INSTALMENT.

Proprietors are reminded that One Pound per share, together with a Premium of Five Shillings and Eightpence per share, being the Sixth Instalment on the new shares, is payable at the Bank of N. S. Wales, George-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 30th December instant.

W. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

Company's Office, Sydney, 13th December, 1892.

THE NORTH BROKEN HILL SILVER-MINING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE OF SEVENTH CALL.

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL (the seventh) of Threepence per share on the capital of the above company was declared by the Directors on the 7th day of December, 1892, and is due and payable at the office of the Company, WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of January, 1893.

Shareholders in the country and adjacent colonies are requested to remit by CHEQUE or P.O.O., and MUST ADD EXCHANGE to their Cheques.

Dated at 39 Queen-street, Melbourne, this 14th day of December, 1892.

By order of the Board.

THOS. ROLLASON, Secretary.

N.B.—In remitting, Shareholders are requested to set out the CONSECUTIVE NUMBERS of the SHARES they hold, or enclose SCRIP CERTIFICATES FOR ENDORSEMENT.

Machinery.

BRICK MACHINERY of every description; also, Castings and General Engineering Work. BLANKS and LEFESURE. Invicta Foundry, Mitchell-street, Glebe.

FOR SALE, 4-h.p. Tangye ENGINE and Boiler, on bogies; 10-h.p. Marine Boiler, 10-h.p. Portable Boiler; Tanning, Shaping, Drilling Machines, firewood-cutting Plant, 4.5 Winch. A. Hodges, Norton-st., Ashf'd.

GERMAN FAIR, EXHIBITION BUILDING, CLOSES TO-NIGHT.

Amusements.

THE LYCEUM THEATRE, Pitt-street, near Market-street.

Messrs. WILLIAMSON and MUSGROVE beg to announce to the amusement-lovers of Sydney that they have taken a lease of this MAGNIFICENT NEW THEATRE, designed by the well-known Sydney Architects, Messrs. BACKHOUSE and LAIDLEY, for MR. WALTER IVES, by whom it has been built, and furnished in the most complete and costly manner, replete with every modern CONVENIENCE and COMFORT.

The Carpets and Furnishings by Messrs. Farmer and Co.

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The Elaborate Decorations by Messrs. J. Sandy and Co.

The Electric Lighting by the Brush Electrical Material Company.

The Floral Decorations by Messrs. F. Searl and Sons.

THE NEW LYCEUM THEATRE will be opened on BOXING NIGHT, DECEMBER 26, 1892, with a MAGNIFICENT PRODUCTION of the GRAND CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME, LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD and HARLEQUIN BOY BLUE; or THE WICKED BARON and the NAUGHTY WOLF.

Messrs. WILLIAMSON and MUSGROVE have much pleasure in announcing the FIRST XMAS ANNUAL under their new management, and deem themselves fortunate in being able to place an entertainment before Sydney playgoers worthy the patronage of all classes, and while giving prominence to that portion so attractive to young folks, have bestowed a proper amount of care and attention upon that which appeals to the parents and guardians, who, whilst delighting in the merry laughter of the little ones, can receive a double share of enjoyment of a spectacle which will please the eye and ear of the most fastidious. No expense has been spared to make the present production AN EVENT in the CHRONICLES of CHRISTMAS PANTOMIMES.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, will be presented THE GORGEOUS XMAS PANTOMIME, LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD and HARLEQUIN BOY BLUE; or THE WICKED BARON and the NAUGHTY WOLF.

Written by Mr. BERT ROYLE.

Music by Mr. LOVELL PHILLIPS.

Illustrated by Messrs. PHIL. GOATCHER and GEO. GORDON.

And interpreted by the following Powerful Array of ARTISTS who have been specially engaged for this truly Magnificent Production:—

Miss ALICE LEAMAR	Mr. ROBT. COURTNEIDGE
Miss CORA TINNIE	Mr. BERT HASLAM
Miss ADA WALKER	Mr. W. P. BENTLEY
Miss ADA LEE	Mr. W. J. BEATTIE
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and	and
Miss ADDIE CONYERS	Mr. SLADE MURRAY

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The entire production under the personal supervision of that prince of stage directors, Mr. WALTER RAYNHAM.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

BOX OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS.

The Plans for the Opening Night will be on view TUESDAY MORNING NEXT, December 20, at THE TREASURER'S OFFICE, CASTLEREAGH-STREET, near MARKET-STREET.

Treasurer and Business Manager, GEO. L. GOODMAN. (Full particulars will be duly announced.)

TO-NIGHT.

SYDNEY AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Conductor, Signor HAZON.

PLEBISCITE CONCERT. CENTENNIAL HALL, TO-NIGHT, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17.

PROGRAMME—First Part.

(The RESULT of the BALLOT taken at the Concert held on December 1 is recorded after each item.)

1. Overture—"Oberon" ... Weber ... (Votes 103)
2. Larghetto from 2nd Symphony ... Beethoven ... (Votes 108)
3. Minuetto from Military Symphony ... ... Haydn ... (Votes 86)
4. Polonaise, "Mignon" ... ... Thomas
Miss MARION LLEWELYN.
5. Spanish Dance—"Le Cid" ... Massenet ... (Votes 106)
6. Traumerei—Reverie ... ... Schumann ... (Votes 141)
(for Strings only).
7. Overture—"William Tell" ... ... Rossini ... (Votes 169)

Second Part.

1. Fantasia, Hungarian (Pianoforte and Orchestra) ... ... Liszt ... (Votes 107)
Pianoforte, Mdme. CHARBONNET KELLERMANN.
2. Orchestral Suite—"Peer Gynt" ... Grieg ... (Votes 223)
3. Song—"Dear Bird of Winter"
Miss MARION LLEWELYN.
4. Entr'acte—"Lohengrin" ... ... Wagner
5. Song of the Hours—"Geconda" ... ... Ponchielli ... (Votes 174)
6. Ballet—"Syrin" ... ... Delibes ... (Votes 135)
Accompanist, Miss NAYLOR.

Plan of Reserved Seats at Paling and Co.'s. Tickets at Paling and Co.'s. Reserved seats, 2s; unreserved, 2s; body of hall, 1s.

POPULAR PRICES, 2s, 2s, 1s.

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SYDNEY AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

TICKETS may be obtained at the TOWN HALL after 1 o'clock to-day.

2s, 2s, and 1s.

WARWICK FARM RACES TO-DAY.

NOW READY, and SELLING RAPIDLY.

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A Grand Shilling's Worth of Music.

"BONNIE BANKS OF LOCH LOMOND,"
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A new and most charming song.
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Blockley's well-known song.
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A pretty ballad of the minstrel type.
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George Barker's fine ballad.
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Popular everywhere.
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Blockley's beautiful ballad.
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The fine old song.
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Everybody's favourite. Only correct version yet published in Australia.
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A little gem.
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SECOND DAY, BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26th.

The CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 250 sovs., 1 mile, 55 nominations.
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Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

ACCOUNTS with Plans of Distribution in the undermentioned Estates, showing dividends as assented, are now filed in the office of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Chancery-square, Sydney, for the inspection of persons interested; and Notice is hereby given that such accounts and plans will be submitted to the Court for confirmation on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of January, 1893, at 11 a.m., if not previously objected to:—

JOHN M'KELLER BROWN, of Sydney, Gentleman (No. 4663), a first account and plan of distribution showing payment in full of all proved debts (£3038 14s 9d) and a balance of £329 carried forward.

EUGENE O'SULLIVAN, of Wagga Wagga, Contractor (No. 5618), a first account and plan of distribution showing payment in full of one proved preferential debt for rent (£3 17s) and a dividend of 9s 1d (six shillings and one penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

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WILLIAM ALLISON CLARK, of Bathurst, Railway Employé (No. 4690), a third account showing payment of fees, charges, and expenses, and a credit balance of 10s carried forward.

Also, Accounts only showing debit balances in the following estates:—

HENRY LEE ARCHER, of Church-street, Parramatta, Tradesman (No. 5516).

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LANCELOT T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

197 Phillip-street, Sydney,
December 14, 1892.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Probate Jurisdiction.

In the Will of THOMAS HARRISON, late of Sydney, Gentleman, deceased, intestate.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Inventory and Account of the Administrator in the above Estate has been this day filed in my office, 151 Phillip-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in their interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the third day of December instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said account be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law.

Dated this sixteenth day of December, A.D. 1892.

(Signed) R. C. MONDAY (L.S.),
Deputy Registrar.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—IN EQUITY.—No. 6163.

In the Matter of the Companies Act, and

In the Matter of the Mudgee Coal, Shale, and Iron Mining Company, Limited.

The CREDITORS of the abovenamed Company are required on or before the 23rd day of January next to send their names and address, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to LANCELOT THRELKELD LLOYD, of Number 137 Phillip-street, Sydney, the Official Liquidator of the said Company; and if so required by Notice in Writing from the said Official Liquidator are by their Solicitors are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Chambers of the Master in Equity, in Chancery-square, at such time as shall be specified in such Notice, or in default hereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1892.

R. BURDETT SMITH, Proctor for Administratrix.

IN the MATTER of the Companies Act and in the Matter of the Darling Harbour Wharf and Land Investment Company, Limited. In Liquidation.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 163 of the Companies Act 1874, that a General MEETING of the Members of the abovenamed Company will be held on the 21st day of January, 1893, at 4.15 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Office of Mr. E. N. BROWN, the Liquidator of the said Company, 2 St. James's-buildings, William-street, Melbourne, in order that there may be laid before the said Company an account showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the property of the Company has been disposed of, and in order that the said Company may hear any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator, and also in order that an Extraordinary Resolution may be passed for determining the manner in which the books, accounts, and documents of the said Company and of the Liquidator shall be disposed of.

Dated the twelfth day of December, 1892.

E. N. BROWN,
Liquidator.

Darling Harbour Wharf and Land Investment Company, Limited. In Liquidation.

Witness—Geo. M. Young, 120 William-street, Melbourne.

MACNAMARA AND NATHAN, Solicitors for the said Liquidator, London Chartered-chambers, corner George and Jamison streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of Part 1 of The Companies Act, 1890, and in the matter of THE GROSVENOR HOTEL COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition for the winding-up of the abovenamed Company, subject to the supervision of the Court, was, on the fourteenth day of December, 1892, presented to his Honor Mr. Justice Williams, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Victoria, by William Dunmore Flint, of 475 Collins-street, Melbourne, in the colony of Victoria, accountant, a contributory of the said Company; and the said petition is directed to be heard on FRIDAY, the third day of February, 1893, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to oppose the making of an order under the above part of the above Act should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the fourteenth day of December, 1892.

FORD AND ASPINWALL,
120 George-street, Sydney,
Melbourne,
Solicitors for the Petitioner.

JOHN HAIMES, deceased, pursuant to a judgment of the Supreme Court of the colony of Victoria, made "In the matter of the Trusts of the Will of JOHN HAIMES, deceased," and in the Action PINCOTT v. FARRINGTON and OTHERS, 1891, No. 4146, the persons claiming to be next of kin to JOHN HAIMES, formerly of Manse Pirron Yalook, in the colony of Victoria, but late of Colac, in the said colony, settler, deceased, who died on the 22nd day of May, 1890, are, by their solicitors, on or before the 6th day of April, 1893, to come in and prove their claims at the office of the Chief Clerk, Judges-chambers, at the Law Courts, Melbourne, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said judgment.

The 15th day of April, 1893, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the said chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claims.

Dated this eighteenth day of October, 1892.

(L.S.) HOPSON P. WALKER,
Chief Clerk.

(No stamp duty cancelled.)

NOTE.—The said JOHN HAIMES, the Testator, was (a) son of RICHARD HAIMES, of Georgetown, Tasmania, who died there in the year 1850, and Testator had a sister ANN HAIMES, supposed to have married one JOHN ARCASTLE, or HARCASTLE, in Tasmania or New South Wales, and who is supposed to have had children, who next to Admon.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1892.

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Public Notices.

NEW SOUTH WALES COMMISSION FOR THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION, CHICAGO, 1893.

SHIPMENT OF EXHIBITS.

It is proposed to ship the remainder of the New South Wales Exhibits by the Macpona, leaving Sydney on the 20th DECEMBER instant. All exhibitors who have not yet sent in their Forms of Intention to Exhibit should do so at once, so that they may be properly labelled, measured, and weighed before shipment. Goods will required to be in store some days before date fixed for the departure of the steamer.

A. C. CUMMING,
Secretary.

WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST
(Established 1869).

ELECTION of a COMMISSIONER to represent the Shipowners, and of a COMMISSIONER to represent the Colliery-owners, Merchants, and Traders.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Election of a Commissioner to represent the Shipowners, in the place of Charles Joseph Bryson, Esq., J.P., and of a Commissioner to represent the Colliery-owners, Merchants, and Traders, in the place of William John Wiseman, Esq., J.P., both of whom retire by rotation at this date, under the provisions of the Wollongong Harbour Trust Act of 1869, will take place at the Town Hall, Wollongong, and at the Chamber of Commerce, Pitt-street, Sydney, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of December instant. The Day of Nomination in each instance has been fixed for TUESDAY next, the 13th day of December instant. Candidates are required to be nominated at the Town Hall, Wollongong, between 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon on MONDAY next, the 12th day of December instant; and any person desirous of nominating a candidate for the position of Commissioner, as aforesaid, shall cause to be delivered, at or before 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to the Returning Officer or his deputy a nomination-paper in the form of schedule hereto, or to a like effect, and such nomination-paper shall be signed by not less than two persons duly qualified to vote at such election, and also signed by the person named therein as a candidate, in token of his assent being so named.

In the event of only the required number of candidates being nominated to fill the vacancies, the Returning Officer will declare such candidates duly elected; but in the event of more than the required number of candidates being nominated to fill the vacancies, the POLLING will take place on SATURDAY, the 17th day of December instant, as aforesaid, commencing at 8 a.m., and closing at 5 p.m. on the same day.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL,
(Chairman),
Commissioner,
Returning Officer.

Town Hall, Wollongong,
December 7, 1892.

SCHEDULE.

WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST ACT, 1869.

FORM OF NOMINATION.

We, the undersigned, being entitled to vote as Owners of Ships, or Colliery-owners, Merchants, and Traders (as the case may be), do hereby nominate
(stating Christian and surname), of, as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Wollongong Harbour Trust, at the election to be held on the 17th day of December instant.

(Here follow the signature of two voters),

and I, the abovenamed
do hereby consent to such nomination.
(Signed)

WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST.

Established 1869.

Election of a Commissioner to represent the Shipowners, and of a Commissioner to represent the Colliery-owners, Merchants, and Traders.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALEXANDER HIGGS, Esq., J.P., has been appointed Deputy Returning Officer, to conduct the Elections in Sydney on the 17th December inst.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL,
Commissioner,
Returning Officer.

Town Hall, Wollongong,
December 7, 1892.

THE WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST.

Established 1869.

ELECTION OF A COMMISSIONER TO REPRESENT THE COLLIERY OWNERS, MERCHANTS, and TRADERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Candidates, viz.,

HENRY ARTHUR PRINGLE, Esq.,

WILLIAM JOHN WISEMAN, Esq., J.P.,

have been NOMINATED for the position of COMMISSIONER to represent the Colliery-owners, Merchants, and Traders.

A POLL by ballot for the return of One Commissioner will take place at the TOWN HALL, WOLLONGONG, and at the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE EXCHANGE, SYDNEY, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of December instant, commencing at 8 o'clock in the forenoon and closing at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL,
Chairman,
Returning Officer.

C. E. EGLESS, Secretary Wollongong Harbour Trust Commissioners.
December 14, 1892.

NATIONAL ART GALLERY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS.

THE TRUSTEES
having
FRAMED FRESH REGULATIONS
as regards
COPYING PICTURES
in the Gallery,
which regulations will come into force on the
1st JANUARY, 1893,
STUDENTS
who have been permitted to copy
are requested to
PRESENT THEIR PERMITS
at the Gallery
BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR
in order that they may be
EXCHANGED FOR FRESH ONES
under the new regulations.

E. L. MONTEFIORE,
Director.

THE CITY BANK, SYDNEY.

ESTABLISHED 1868.

A BRANCH of this Bank is now open at AUBURN under the charge of Mr. WILLIAM M. COLLEY.

By order of the Board.
CYPRIAN STANTON,
General Manager.

December 8, 1892.

I WISH to THANK those kind FRIENDS for their sympathy and kindness shown towards myself and family during our late bereavement.

Mrs. S. M'CAULEY, Mitchell-road, Alexandria.

MESSRS. S. BYRON BALY and WILLIAM PENNEY have commenced Business as Stock and Share Brokers and Mining and Financial Agents at 108 Pitt-street, under the name and style of

BALY and PENNEY.

Mr. Penney has an intimate knowledge of the Ballarat and Bendigo gold mines, and will be pleased to confer with intending investors.

Sydney, December 12, 1892.

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Indents should be accompanied by cash remittances or bank letters of credit, to ensure full trade discounts. Account sales of produce under consignment rendered promptly, and net proceeds remitted or invested to order.

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Capital Subscribed	£4,000,000
Capital Paid-up	£800,642 10s
Reserve Fund	£280,000

WOOLBROKERS, STATION, and FINANCIAL AGENTS.
LIBERAL CASH ADVANCES made on
WOOL, GRAIN, TALLOW, HIDES, and
OTHER PRODUCE.
AUCTION SALES
OF WOOL, TALLOW, HIDES, SHEEPSKINS, MARSUPIAL SKINS, &c.,
held regularly.
The Company not strictly an selling BROKERS, and do not buy or sell on their own account.

WALTER F. LAWRY, Manager.

SYDNEY WOOL and GRAIN STORES—
BRIDGE and LOFTUS STREETS.

WOOL AND OTHER PRODUCE.

ADVANCES made on STATIONS and STOCK; also on WOOL and OTHER PRODUCE for SALE in Sydney, or for Shipment.

ALL STATION REQUISITES SUPPLIED.
DALGETY and COMPANY, Limited.
2 Bent-street, Sydney, and Watt-street, Newcastle; and at London, Melbourne, Geelong, Perth, Fremantle, Albany, Dunedin, Christchurch, Napier, and Bookhampton.

Managing Director, T. J. KNOX.
Manager, WM. KILGOUR.

SURRY HILLS LAND SALE, 3 p.m. TO-DAY, Denison-square Sites. R. and W., Ltd. (3900)

99-177 Town Clerk's Office,
Sydney, 17th December, 1892.

TO DRIVERS OF LICENSED and UNLICENSED VEHICLES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CORPORATION BYE-LAWS provide that ALL VEHICLES, LICENSED or UNLICENSED, OMNIBUSES, CABS, VANS, &c., shall be kept as nearly as possible to the left side of the street, either in DRIVING, PICKING-UP, or SETTING-DOWN, GOODS or PASSENGERS; and PROHIBITING the DRIVING at a FASTER PACE than a WALK over all STREET CROSSINGS, &c., will be strictly enforced on and after this date.

Vehicles loading or unloading at a standstill to remain close to and parallel with the kerbs of streets.

Offenders will be rigidly dealt with as the law directs.

HENRY J. DANIELS,
Town Clerk.

Stock, Shares, and Money.

BOROUGH OF NORTH SYDNEY.

SPECIAL LOAN of £65,000,
in 4 per cent. Debentures, redeemable 1st August, 1921.
Issued by the Municipal Council of the Borough of North Sydney, under the authority of the Municipalities Act of 1867, 31 Vic., No. 12; the Municipality Gas Act of 1884, 48 Vic., No. 20; and the Municipal Gas Act (Amendment Act of 1888, 50 Vic., No. 7, and in pursuance of the sanction in writing under the hand of his Excellency the Governor, dated 6th June, 1891. No. 91-0-68.

TENDERS are invited for the above LOAN, and will be received until 8 o'clock p.m. on FRIDAY, the 30th December, 1892, to be addressed to the "Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of North Sydney," and endorsed "Tender for Loan of £65,000." The debentures are in sums of £100 each, bearing interest at the rate of £4 per centum per annum, commencing from 1st August, 1892, with coupons attached, payable on 1st February and 1st August in each year, at the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, North Sydney, where also the principal will be payable on 1st August, 1921.

Tenders may be sent in for the amount of one or more of these debentures at the option of the tenderer.

The proceeds of the loan are intended to be applied towards the Construction of Gasworks in the Municipality, and the proposed security is as follow:—1. The Land upon which the Gasworks are to be erected, £10,000. 2. The Works, Gasmeters, Pipes of the North Shore Gas Railway, now nearly completed, and by reason of its proximity to Sydney, its deep-water frontage, and access to the railway, especially large purchasers. 3. The Special Lighting Rates, which are levied for the year 1892-3 at 3d in the £ amount to £3103.

The Land upon which it is proposed to construct the Gasworks is situated in Berry's Bay, Sydney Harbour, and contains an area of 4 acres with a deep-water frontage. It is immediately adjoining the terminus of the North Shore Railway, now nearly completed, and by reason of its proximity to Sydney, its deep-water frontage, and access to the railway, especially large purchasers.

The necessary permission under the hand of his Excellency the Governor may be inspected at the Town Hall, where any further information required may be obtained.

By order,
W. BARNETT SMITH,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, North Sydney,
2nd December, 1892.

NORTH SYDNEY MUNICIPAL GASWORKS.

TENDERS.

Capitalists asked by the North Sydney Municipal Council to tender for a loan of £65,000 for the construction of gasworks are requested to consider the following questions:—

Are they prepared to lend £65,000 to a corporation with an extravagant expenditure and disorganised finances, to erect gasworks to compete with an efficient company, which has suffered, and still suffers, to sell them its property at a price to be determined by arbitration?

Is it likely that the capital cost of construction will be only £65,000, when that estimate does not include several thousand pounds interest on the money during the course of erection, when it is unproductive? And since the estimate was made the cost of timber and iron have largely increased, which will probably add £4,000 to the cost.

If the Gas Company can earn only about £3500 per annum from the sale of its gas at present price, since reduced to 2s 6d, and to be hereafter reduced to 2s 6d, yielding a dividend of 8 per cent. per annum on £80,000, and 5 per cent. on £115,000, what chance will there be of its ever earning even 2 per cent on its borrowed capital of £70,000 or £80,000, if it takes half the trade? And if by competition the price of gas is cut down, and the profits reduced to £2000, half to go to the Gas Company, and half to the Council, who is to pay the £4000 or £5000 of interest due on the Council's loan?

Will not additional rates have to be levied? Will not the people who do not use gas, as well as those who do, have to pay the difference?

Will not there be dissatisfaction and quarrelling, already begun among the ratepayers? Is it not probable that some of them will decline to pay? Is it not likely that the Council will be forced to default, and very likely become embarrassed by financial difficulties? Where will then be the security of ratepayers who lend the money? Who will pay them the interest? The Corporation can do without a dividend, but the ratepayers, to be honest, must pay interest on the loan.

Has not the experience of the Melbourne Gasworks, probably the first official in Australia with European experience, whom the Council called to its advice, warned the Aldermen of the risks of such a competition, and of the folly of them to buy the company's works by arbitration, even if they had to pay a high price for them?

Has not the metropolitan and local press, with one voice, warned the Aldermen that they are incurring, and should not this also be a danger-signal to capitalists.

Are not capitalists concerned in protecting the rights of property rather than encouraging the folly of the Corporation, in a socialistic spirit, to endeavour unjustly to injure and destroy the property of a company which has served the community at North Sydney for the last 16 years, with a very reasonable rate of profit, amounting to less than 6 per cent. per annum, including the borrowed money?

If a corporation, having been well served by a company, tries to destroy its property, what consideration will it show to other capitalists whom it asks to come to its aid immediately it gets the worst of the struggle? It must with a well-appointed company, which can do nothing else but fight!

With such risks are capitalists prepared to lend money at 4 per cent? It might be asked would they lend it at 10 per cent., or even would they lend it at all?

Capitalists may be asked if they lend money to a corporation to attack private interests, what property is safe? If this North Sydney Corporation is allowed to compete with the Gas Company, may it not be allowed to compete with the Ferry Company, to run omnibuses, to enter on business in any direction? Will capitalists not consult their own interests by refusing to sanction by their votes an attempt to use the public purse to destroy private competition?

Capitalists will do well to remember that the Parliament of England has in no single instance allowed a corporation to squander the ratepayers' money in a ruinous competition with a Gas Company, that has provided a fair compensation shall acquire such properties by arbitration.

A RATEPAYER OF NORTH SYDNEY.

BOROUGH OF GRAFTON.

LOAN OF £8000 FOR 10 YEARS.

TENDERS are invited for the above LOAN, and will be received until 4 o'clock p.m. on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of December next, to be addressed to the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Grafton, and endorsed "Tender for Loan of £8000."

Debentures are in sums of £100 each, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed six (6) per centum per annum, (tenderers to state their own rate of interest), and payable half-yearly, commencing from the 1st day of February next, with coupons attached, payable on the 1st day of August, and 1st day of February, 1903. The principal is payable at the Australian Joint Stock Bank, Grafton or Sydney.

The principal is payable at the same bank on the 1st day of February, 1903. The proceeds of the Loan will be applied to paying off overdraft due to the Australian Joint Stock Bank of £1000, and the balance of the Loan is to be expended in erecting Market Buildings and Council-chambers, purchasing road-making machinery, forming and metalling streets, drainage, guttering, and other improvements of a permanent character within the Borough.

The Loan will be secured on the General Rates of the Borough, £1650.

The only other indebtedness of the Council is £2800, which was borrowed for drainage purposes, and is now being paid off at the rate of £400 per annum.

The gross receipts last year amounted to the sum of £2681.

The necessary permission, under the hand of his Excellency the Governor, in accordance with the 180th section of the Municipalities Act, has been obtained.

Any further information will be supplied on application to EDMUND ROCKEY, Mayor,
WILLIAM SMALL, Jun.,
Council Clerk.

Council-chambers, Grafton, November 24, 1892.

BOROUGH OF TEMORA.

MUNICIPAL LOAN.

TENDERS are invited for a Loan of £2000 for Five Years at a rate not exceeding £6 per centum per annum, to be applied towards the completion of the Sewerage Works. Interest payable at the Union Bank of Australia, Sydney or Temora, and principal sum at either bank on the 1st day of January, 1898.

Security for the said loan is the general rates of the borough, estimated at not less than £500 per annum, and will be effected by the issue of debentures in accordance with the Municipalities Acts, for the sum of £1000 each.

Tenders at not less than par will be received by the council up to 8 p.m. on TUESDAY, 20th December, 1892.

The council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Tenderers whose tenders may be accepted will be required to pay the amount of such tender into either of the banks aforesaid, at their option, not later than SATURDAY, the 31st of December instant.

Tenders to be endorsed, "Tenders for Loan," and addressed to the Mayor, Council-chambers, Temora.

EDWIN GARDNER,
Mayor.

Temora, Dec. 15, 1892.

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Offices—279 George-street.

C. M. BUCK, Secretary.

THE MORTGAGE GUARANTEE AND MERCANTILE FINANCE CORPORATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES, Limited.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL	£1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	£250,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL	£49,937 10 0

Board of Directors:
W. R. ARMSTRONG, Esq. (Chairman).
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At call	4½ per cent. per annum.
At 3 months	5 " "
At 6 months	5½ " "
At 12 months	6 " "

HENRY A. SHERIDAN, Manager.

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Reserve Fund (by appropriation of Dividends), £14,000.
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For 12 months	5½ per cent.

J. STUART-MASON,
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J. ROBERTS, Secretary.

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(CHRONICLED BY HENRY LUCY.)

FIRST NIGHT AT THE LYCEUM—MR. IRVING AS KING LEAR—THE COMPANY IN THE STALLS—THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 11.

A first night at the Lyceum has come to be an event of prime importance in London society. All theatre managers bringing out a new piece endeavour to give it a good send-off by securing the presence in the stalls of a distinguished company. They succeed more or less in proportion as the theatre is popular and the piece attractive. But nothing approaches the proportions of a first night at the Lyceum, a circumstance possibly in some measure due to the fact that Mr. Irving's princely hospitality is not in all cases limited to a box or a seat in the stalls. When the play is over and the curtain has fallen on the retiring figure of the actor-manager, bowing his acknowledgments of the applause that has greeted the new piece, an army of carpenters descend upon the stage, the scenery is removed, tables are set forth, and in an incredibly short time a dainty and abundant supper is provided on the boards where of late Romeo whispered his love, Hamlet watched his uncle through the Players' Scene, or Lear, broken-hearted, died.

Last night the Lyceum was crowded from floor to ceiling with a multitude anxious to see how Lear fared at the hands of Mr. Irving, and how sweetly Ellen Terry would make Cordelia look and speak. It is the tenth of the Shakspearean revivals presented at the Lyceum. Mr. Irving began a little more than 18 years ago, presenting Hamlet on the 16th October, 1874. Since then he has brought upon the stage "Macbeth," "Othello," "Richard III.," "The Merchant of Venice," "Romeo and Juliet," "Much Ado about Nothing," "Twelfth Night," and "Henry VIII." "Lear," "Shakespeare's Titanic work," as he styled it last night in the brief acknowledgment gracefully made of the applause with which the play was received, has fittingly been slowly and cautiously approached. Of all Shakespeare's plays it is the most difficult of reproduction, and is least frequently seen on the stage. Judging from the effect produced last night I doubt whether Irving will find a fair measure of reward for all the labour, care, and money invested in the new piece. People will go to see it because it is a Shakesperian revival at the Lyceum, and for a while everyone will be asked Have you seen Lear? But there will be no steady rush such as has followed on earlier adventures. This arises in the first instance from the inherent character of the story. Its sombre hues are from first to last unrelieved. The Fool is here and has much to say, but he fails to raise a smile in presence of the unspeakable woe of Cordelia's father. With Mr. Irving the woe is literally unspeakable. It affects him in the direction of exaggerating his worst mannerisms of speech. I do not believe that anyone unfamiliar with the play caught the sound or guessed at the sense of ten lines of the long procession last night inarticulately gurgled by Mr. Irving.

Mr. Irving's conception of the old king was, as might have been expected entirely original, radically differing from that worked out by Kean or Phelps or Booth or Salvini. The key to it was found in Lear's description of himself as a foolish, fond old man of four score years and upwards. I was told by one present last night who remembers Kean in the past and has seen all his successors, that none of them made Lear quite so old. Irving's make-up was marvellous, almost ghastly in its realisation of extreme old age—a frail body finally breaking down under the wrestling of a fiery spirit. In one respect his presentation of the part recalled Hazlitt's description of Kean's acting. "It was," he wrote, "unmixed rage or mere dotage." Thus Irving alternated through the piece, though with many subtle touches that relieved its monotony querulous impotence. On the whole he was more domestic than kingly, more of "Daddy Lear" than "King Lear." In the mad scene, where he danced on the stage with straws in his hair, plucking at the blades of grass he held in his hand, he came dangerously near the farcical conception of an elderly male Ophelia. An added pity of the piece is that Cordelia has so little to do with its going forward. Ellen Terry was, as usual, charming Her too brief interpositions were the more grateful to the audience because they heard from her lips the music of Shakespeare's sentences hopelessly mumbled, whether in the anger or the dotage of Mr. Irving's Lear.

The first night falling thus late in the autumn found town moderately full, with a brilliant circle among whom Mr. Irving might distribute the favour of his invitation. To name those present would be to reel off the roll of the best-known people in London. The stage-box was occupied by Mr. Justice Jeune and Lady Jeune, most faithful of Shakespeare Mirrors. In the box above Mrs. Lewis (still known as Kate Terry) looked on with glistening eyes, and later found an opportunity of enthusiastically complimenting Irving on the success of his new rôle—a testimony from an experienced actress which I am glad to cite as outweighing the carping of less competent critics. Baron Ferdy Rothschild, not often to be brought up from Waddesden by the attractions of the theatre, occupied a box in company with Mr. Cecil Rhodes. Opposite was Mr. Edmund Yates, who has grown a beard, but showed few other traces of recent illness. He had for companion in the next box Sir Edward Lawson perhaps the most blooming baronet in the United Kingdom. In the stalls one caught sight of Mr. George Lewis, with Mr. Lockwood in convenient contiguity; Mr. Asquith, sharing with Mr. Woodall the representation of her Majesty's Ministry; Mr. Burnand, looking puzzled; Mr and Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. Justin M'Carthy, Mr. Abbey, Mr. Farjeon, and scores more, the echo of whose name has sped across the seas to you. As always happens on these occasions, interest was fairly divided between the company on the stage and the larger company in front of it.

There seems just now a fatality among dukes. Only the other day his Grace of Sutherland was removed after brief illness. Now the Duke of Marlborough, going quietly to bed on Tuesday night, was found stiff and cold in the morning, with his right hand clutching at the heart that after a frantic effort had ceased to beat. When the subject of conversation is a deceased duke it is difficult for the truthful tongue to preserve the injunction as to saying nothing but good of the dead. In its public aspects the character of the Duke of Marlborough has a less fair record even than that of the Duke of Sutherland. But it is pleasing, at least, to be able to record that to all outward appearances the latest dead duke had abjured sack and begun to live cleanly. Both dukes were at the time of their death in litigation with their immediate heirs, the Marquis of Stafford resisting an attempt on the part of the Duke of Sutherland to turn the family forests into hard cash, while the Marquis of Blandford, through his mother, the neglected and finally abandoned wife of the Duke of Marlborough, seeking to make his father meet the charges of his maintenances and education. Apart from this episode the late Duke was living at peace with man and woman kind. He had of late years been much attracted by the potentiality of electric lighting, and was connected with several companies formed to spread its use. He developed remarkable business qualities, showing that had he not had the misfortune to be born into a dukedom he would have earned a handsome livelihood by his own efforts.

Shortly after his first wife (sister of Lord George Hamilton, late First Lord of the Admiralty) succeeded in obtaining a divorce, the Marquis of Blandford, as he then was, turned his attention to politics. Since his brother, Lord Randolph Churchill, had, in accordance with family traditions, joined the Conservative party, the Marquis of Blandford naturally turned his steps towards the opposite camp. He made formal application to the Liberal whip to provide him with a seat that he might fight under the flag of Mr. Gladstone. His overtures were so coldly met that he withdrew them, and did not thereafter make further systematic effort to embark upon political life. Since he came into the Dukedom he has made no figure in the House of Lords, not having, as far as I remember, once broken the silence he imposed upon himself. There are some who know him well who affirm that of the two he was a cleverer man than his more renowned brother, Lord Randolph. Certainly no one could be in his company for 10 minutes without recognising his keen perception, his wide knowledge of affairs, and the charm of his conversation. The worst thing that ever happened to him was, that he should have been born at Blenheim. Had his father been "something in the city," or even an artisan or a field hand, George Charles Spencer Churchill would have made a greater name than that he leaves as the Eighth Duke of Marlborough.

OLD WORLD GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Nov. 11.

Lord Mayor's Day has of course been the red-letter day of the week as far as London is concerned. The weather was good enough, judged from the standpoint of an English November, the day being rather black, but fresh and rainless. Probably there is no spectacle on earth so pitiable as that provided by a soaking wet 9th of November. The time-honoured procession this year followed the orthodox pattern. There were cars emblematic of city industries, such as gold and silver wire-drawing, which was illustrated not only by the presence of craftsmen dressed in picturesque mediæval garb, working at their various branches of the art, but by a magnificent tower of vases, dishes, and goblets of gold, lent by one of the great city firms. The car of the Fruiterers' Company was laden and festooned with masses of fruit and flowers; while yet another vehicle bore an emblematic representation of the commerce and the port of London. The figure of Ceres, crowned with gold, poured rich produce from a golden horn, while around her were types of all nations. A portion of the procession, which was extremely popular, illustrated the growth of the fire brigade; but after all the most interesting part of the spectacle was to be found in the enormous crowds which lined the streets, and which hardly dispersed until after nightfall. As usual, the multitude were good-natured and in high spirits, half inclined to treat the whole affair as a joke, but thoroughly enjoying the holiday and quite ready to while away an hour or two of waiting by harmless chaff or by listening to the "nigger" minstrels, or even watching the Punch and Judy shows which here and there made their appearance where there happened to be an eddy from the traffic. The Lord Mayor had on the whole a good reception, though now and then there were a few hisses when his great gilt coach passed a knot of people of ultra-Protestant sympathies. In the evening most of the West End clubs were illuminated; but this was in honour, not of the Lord Mayor, but of the Prince of Wales's Birthday. It is 51 years since the birth of the Prince was officially announced at a Lord Mayor's banquet.

It cannot be said that the speeches at the Guildhall banquet has made us much the wiser as far as the general political situation is concerned. The only statement of any importance was that of Lord Kimberley with regard to Uganda, which, without being explicit, has undoubtedly strengthened the impression that the Government do not contemplate the unconditional evacuation of the country. The best after-dinner speech was made by the new Home Secretary, who asserted with marked emphasis the right of every English member of Parliament to act on his own independent judgment. As this view of the rights of individual judgment made Mr. Asquith's platform speeches, when he was only a private member, a source of some anxiety to his leaders, its re-assertion, now that he is a Cabinet Minister, may not be entirely without significance. Beside the Ministerial speeches on Lord Mayor's Day there have been one or two important platform deliverances from lead ng members of the Opposition, so that what we call here the autumn political campaign may be said to have fairly begun. The ex-First Lord of the Treasury is evidently in good fighting form and full of energy, and it is not his fault if, in the dearth of information as to the intentions of the Government, his speech at Edinburgh this week lacked any special interest. The Evicted Tenants Commission, appointed by Mr. Morley, has commenced its inquiries in a very stormy fashion, with an almost violent "scene" between Sir James Mathew, the President, and the legal representatives of the Irish landlords. Both Mr. Balfour and Lord Salisbury—who last night made a speech at a dinner of Nonconformist Unionists—are strongly opposed to the whole scope of the inquiry. A more noticeable fact still is the hostility of the Parnellite faction, who regard the commission as a means of delay. Altogether it will seem that whatever may be the upshot of the investigations of Sir James Mathew and his colleagues, the inquiry is certain to provoke a hot and angry controversy. It is, however, a peculiarity of the Irish problem that no step can be taken toward its solution without something of the kind.

The "indiscretions" of Prince Bismarck form an increasingly fruitful subject of speculation in political quarters. Every fresh interview which the ex-Chancellor accords to an enterprising journalist, and every fresh article which appears in his inspired organs, shows him to be more recklessly embittered against the present rulers of Germany; and the question which everyone is asking is how long the Emperor is likely to stand it. I hear from private sources that, as a matter of fact, the Emperor has grown of late ominously silent with regard to these deliverances. At one time he was ready enough to gave vent to his feelings as to the conduct of the man who was his grandfather's right hand in the making of the Empire, but now he neither cares to talk, nor to encourage talking, upon the subject. The situation is rendered acute by the new Army Bill, which requires the Legislature to provide between two and three million pounds annually to defray the cost of adding 84,000 men to the German Army in time of peace. To this bill Prince Bismarck, who was always in favour of strengthening the army when he was in office, is vehemently opposed. One of his latest crazes has been to denounce bitterly the arrangement between England and Germany by which the German claims on Zanzibar were surrendered for the sake of the acquisition of Heligoland. It seems, too, that his reported suggestion that the Czar should be allowed to take Constantinople has caused no little stir in Vienna, though there is the best reason to believe that it has left the English Foreign Office undisturbed. It is recognised here that Russian statesmen are far too astute to attribute over-much importance to the views of a fallen Minister. Still, the suggestion must be galling to the German Emperor in view of the fact that the proposed strengthening of the army is directly intended to counteract Russian machinations.

Labour questions are more than ever to the fore. The great lock-out in the cotton trade in the North of England, which has been for some time anticipated, has begun this week, and will, it is estimated, affect altogether some 60,000 operatives. The dispute, however, is not so serious as might appear at first sight, and in all probability will not be prolonged. The existence of trade depression is admitted on both sides; but while the masters consider that the best way to overcome the difficulty is to reduce wages by 5 per cent., the trades union leaders prefer to curtail the output. At present there are no signs of ill-feeling between classes, though, of course, it is impossible to forecast with certainty the developments which the struggle may take. Meanwhile Sir John Gorst has been holding forth at Manchester on the remedies which the friends of labour on the Conservative benches are prepared to advocate for the ills from which the working classes are suffering so acutely. Sir John is an interesting "personality" just now. Probably no man in English political life has seen so many disappointments. He did more than anybody else to help Lord Beaconsfield to win the general election of 1874; and since that time he has always been accounted one of the saturest politicians and perhaps the very best master of electioneering arts on the Conservative side. But somehow his own party has never quite trusted him. The old-fashioned Tories have looked on Sir John as in some aspects of his character a Radical in disguise, and it must be said that he has never taken much trouble to conciliate this class of his critics. The triumph of the Fourth Party in 1885 had the effect of thrusting him for a short time into the Solicitor-Generalship, for which he had few qualifications, and which he had afterwards to exchange for the comparatively insignificant post of Under-Secretary for India. While in this office he was as often at variance with his superiors as not, and it was only a few months before the last election that he obtained the Financial Secretaryship to the Treasury. It is notorious that Sir John very narrowly escaped being left out of the Labour Commission and would certainly have been so had the heads of the Government been able to resist the pressure of outside opinion Whether his tardy promotion has made an official of Sir John remains to be seen. Otherwise, should an independent labour party be formed on the Conservative benches next session, he would be its natural leader. The only two points to which he has at present committed himself are the establishment of boards of arbitration in case of strikes, and of a regular eight hours day in all Government establishments—thus setting an example which he thinks might be followed in private enterprises by voluntary contract.

An important understanding is said to have been arrived at with regard to the emoluments and duties of the great law officers of the Crown. Henceforward the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General will have to content themselves with their official salaries so long as they hold their posts, and will only take private practice under certain exceptional conditions. For some time past the custom of allowing the law officers to appear as advocates in private cases has been falling into disrepute, and the anomalous position which the late Attorney-General, Sir Richard Webster, occupied during the proceedings of the Parnell Commission made the question a burning one. It was not only his Parliamentary opponents who thought that Sir Richard was badly advised in acting as counsel for the *Times* in what was really a political trial, while holding high office in the Government of the day; some of his leading colleagues at the Bar openly said so, although they stood faithfully by him when his personal character was assailed; and there is reason to think that Sir Richard himself saw afterwards that he had made a mistake. The fact is that although a man of spotless integrity the late Attorney-General, like a good many other lawyers, found it difficult to resist the temptation of high fees, and it is to prevent any of his successors from succumbing in the same way that the Cabinet, yielding to a large force of public opinion, have initiated the new arrangement. It will fall a little heavily upon the heads of the present Attorney and Solicitor General. Unlike Sir Richard Webster, who has always been a money-making man, Sir Charles Russell is well known to be the reverse of wealthy, in spite of the large sums which he has made in his private practice. His sporting tastes, and his general open-handedness, have helped to dissipate the fortune which his forensic success would otherwise have accumulated. The earnings of great English lawyers, like those of successful London actors, are often absurdly exaggerated by common report, but there can be no doubt that in an ordinarily profitable year Sir Charles would make half as much again by private practice as the £7000 a year, with perhaps a couple of thousand in fees, which is now his official pay. However, it is a matter of experience that a lawyer who accepts office under the Crown finds no difficulty, when his party is out of power, in getting back any practice he may have temporarily abandoned; and apart from this, Sir Charles Russell may, at no distant time, succeed to the Lord Chief Justiceship At all events, he has fallen in with the new system, which in principle commands almost universal approval. The only question raised by the opponents of the change is whether the inducements of the official pay and position will be sufficient of themselves to secure for the Crown the services of the best intellects at the Bar—and this is undoubtedly a matter which remains to be tested.

Last Sunday saw the establishment of a new institution. It was the first "Museum Sunday" arranged for by the society which is endeavouring to secure the opening of picture galleries and museums on Sundays for the benefit of the working classes. The experiment is by no means badly supported. It has a strong backing among influential public men, and it is being advocated from a large number of pulpits, both Episcopalian and Nonconformist. So far, of course, the society has been only able to obtain the opening of a certain number of institutions not under State control. About a dozen special exhibitions were thrown open in London last Sunday, and the total number of museums, picture galleries, and so forth accessible to the public throughout the country on the same day is estimated at 72. It is worth noting that the Mansion House was made available—the Lord Mayor himself taking part in the reception of the visitors—and this, as far as the metropolis is concerned, seems to have been the favourite resort. For the rest, the returns of the number of visitors are not highly encouraging. This, however, may to a great extent be explained by the fact that the weather was unfavourable during part of the day, and that the existence of a "Museum Sunday" is only just beginning to be generally known. It will be easier to judge of the success or failure of the system which the Sunday Society has set on foot when the experiment has been tried half a dozen times. More attention would, of course, be attracted to the matter if buildings like the British Museum and the National Gallery were thrown open; but there is an acute division of opinion on the advisability of this, even among the leaders of the working classes. Some of the labour members in Parliament have always resisted, and are likely to continue to resist, the opening of these institutions, from a fear that Sunday pleasure for the working classes might eventually mean Sunday toil by the gradual effacement of a day of repose. It is the task of the Sunday Society to show whether these fears are chimerical.

The first of the much-talked-of socialist gatherings in Trafalgar-square took place on Saturday and Sunday, without, as it turned out, any startling consequences. It is evident, however, that the authorities were by no means easy in their minds. The police precautions on Saturday were of the most elaborate character, large bodies of constables being hidden away in the neighbourhood of the square, wisely out of the sight of the crowd. The mounted men had their swords taken away from them, but they were supplied with truncheons, which they were ordered to use vigorously in case of a riot. Before the proceedings began little knots of men and boys were to be seen hanging about, some of whom—if worn and hungry faces and ragged clothes count for anything—gave unmistakable signs of real poverty. They were of the class which, at one time, used to make the square a sleeping place on summer, and even winter nights. Compared with these unfortunates, the men in the little procession had a tolerably comfortable look. The speeches were of the order usual on these occasions, Mr. Keir Hardie, clad in the check suit and cloth cap which have made him conspicuous in his place in Parliament, being well to the fore. The speakers did not recommend a resort to violence, which seems to have displeased certain more lawless spirits in the crowd, and one or two men who declared themselves "anarchists" tried to get a hearing with results which were at first amusing and afterwards exciting. One or two of them who endeavoured to speak from the stonework surrounding the fountains were promptly "ducked" in the basins. Others, who had climbed up the masonry of the statues, were bundled off on to the shoulders o the surrounding crowd, without much regard for life or limb. This led to some disturbance, which, however, was soon quelled by the appearance of the police. The upshot of the proceedings so far has been rather to reassure the minds of the residents in the neighbourhood. Enough has leaked out as to the preparations made by the Home Office to render it certain that the Government do not intend to permit any abuse of the concessions with regard to the use of the square. Besides this, with regard to the case of the genuine distress in almost all the trades in London—the building trades, curiously enough, being a notable exception—that

FUGITIVE NOTES.

With edifying patience and insistence another sufferer from what he is pleased to regard as our defective postal system comes forward to urge his little protest. Official utterances innumerable have been made on these points, and we are informed on good authority that the distinguishing property of official utterances is to be unanswerable. And yet in the face of this a correspondent complains because a letter posted by mistake without a stamp is sent on to the Dead Letter Office. It is an old complaint, and one which has been made and discussed and left just as the discussion found it more than once; for, as the official phrase runs in these cases, the subject is one surrounded with difficulties. Everyone has heard of the surprising frequency with which letters are inadvertently posted without stamps—even letters containing valuables. There is a class of person possessed by a blind superstitious sort of confidence in the Post Office which he never loses until he comes up short and sharp against one of these disciplinary regulations. To this class belong the people who post letters in that careless way, and then they complain because the department sends them on to the Dead Letter Office, to be returned to the sender after the prescribed interval. What the careless folk would like would be for the department's officials to forward the letter in the usual way, charging the recipient with the postage, together with a fixed fine for the negligence of the sender, and to compensate the department for the extra trouble this class of correspondence might easily entail. There is much to be said in support of the contention, especially in connection with a case quoted in this correspondent's communication of a letter addressed unstamped to within 100 yards of the local post-office, which was sent to the Dead Letter Office in Sydney instead of going to its destination. But, on the other hand, is it considered that there is a large class of persons who would never stamp their letters if they could avoid it, being satisfied to let the postage and the fine fall on the addressee at the other end? This would soon have a tendency to throw out of working order the whole mechanism of the carriage and delivery of correspondence. Under the circumstances, is it not better to tolerate these occasional cases of the results of individual carelessness, and let the negligent pay for their own default?

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If the treatment of correspondence has been a prolific topic of complaint and letter-writing in the newspapers, that of smoking in railway carriages must be admitted to run it very close. Without these two subjects, diversified with frequent criticisms of the churches, the people who figuratively gnash their teeth in newspaper columns would be sorely put to it to find matter for their philippics and jeremiads. It seems a frail and somewhat weak text to hang a string of denunciations upon, but the consuming ardour of the people who make the complaints seems to compensate for that very largely. One gentleman, for example, after circumstantially relating how someone lit a cigarette, and even proceeded to smoke it, lets himself go in a volley of anathema against what he is pleased to call "the smoking brutes whocare nothing for other's comfort so long as their propensity is gratified," and shows the state of mind a presumably peaceful person who objects to tobacco-smoke may be wrought up to by finding himself subjected to its alleged soothing influence. A man who can suffer like this is entitled to consideration, from whatever cause his affliction arises, and since in these cases it springs from the practice of smoking in railway compartments other than those set apart for indulging in that "propensity," the objectors are clearly within their rights in objecting. It does not help to clear the situation to exchange charges of selfishness on this matter, or to go into the solemn question as to whether the man who objects to his neighbour comforting himself with tobacco is not as selfish as he who insists on smoking whether his neighbour likes it or not. On that point smokers and non-smokers no doubt long ago agreed to differ. The most rational thing to do, seeing that smokers are unable to find room elsewhere, seems to be to take steps to increase the accommodation for smokers. One thing most people will agree upon—that it is decidedly unfair to pen up non-smokers for a longer or shorter interval in a cloud of tobacco smoke from which circumstances render it impossible to escape.

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William Watson is a writer of poems whose work has attracted marked attention from a number of capable critics, as the *Herald* has already pointed out. One accomplished critic published his discovery of a new poet with some enthusiasm in a London review, and the published poems of this writer were kindly received. He even had conferred upon him a pension of £200. Now the poor fellow has gone mad. There is a fatuously cynical type of creature who will see such a necessary connection between the two facts that William Watson wrote verses and that William Watson went mad, that neither will surprise him. Indeed, he would probably be more surprised if the association did not exist, though he would be cheerfully prepared to admit that the possibility of William Watson artfully concealing the circumstance of his defect of intellect, except per medium of his verses, for so long a time as other verse-writers of more equally crazy, who drew the line at stopping the currency of royalty. This sort of line must be drawn somewhere, and as well here as anywhere else. It would no doubt be a surprising thing to learn how general these views of the cynical person on the subject of poets and poetry are. They seem to define for the observer the directions popular opinion is taking on this subject—at a time, too, when the crop of what are called "minor poets" is so distressingly large—larger, perhaps, than ever it was before. In these days nearly every one can turn off a copy of verses, and most people, if arraigned, would have to plead guilty to having committed the atrocity. And this is just where the beautiful association between cause and effect comes in. Having written verses themselves, and for the most part execrably bad ones, people are able to appreciate the condition of mind and liver in which other persons write verses, and even to unselfishly credit them with enjoying the state of both which was responsible for their own execrable performances. Hence the prevalent impatience with the humble efforts of the bardling. The theory is offered for discussion by the debating societies.

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It is a thankless business to dwell continually on one point and return to it again and again, even where human life is at stake. But on such occasions it is, at all events, justifiable. The holiday season is upon us, and the hot weather with it; and the usual harvest of fatal accidents by firearms and drowning has already begun. The schoolboys of the colony are adrift to enjoy themselves, and everyone knows how inseparable boys' enjoyment at this season of the year is from swimming. The nooks of the harbour, country rivers, and creeks and dams of all kinds offer tempting facilities for indulgence in this healthy sport, and the hot weather actually drives the lads to the water. They have to learn to swim the best way they can, no facilities being provided for teaching in connection with the school course, and the result is the record of sad occurrences like that at Middle Harbour during the week. Can nothing be done to prevent this fatal harvest of youthful lives, which we have now come to look upon as a regular annual sacrifice? The fatality is not confined to boys, for we continually read of young girls drowned while bathing in summer, especially in the country. There is an excusable unwillingness to overburden the exercises of the school-course with too many subjects, and no doubt it is possible to overdo the craze for making the State teach everything, from learning to walk to learning to swim. But this is a matter that involves the preservation of life in so many different ways, as the melancholy record of our harbour accidents shows, and at the same time it has such a bearing on the question of physical health and development, that we must confess to a desire to see the system broken through in this direction. It need not be mentioned that there is abundant precedent for making the teaching of swimming a part of the school course.

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MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES.

The production of "King Lear" at the Lyceum Theatre on 11th November is the theme of general praise in the London press. One or two critics cautiously hint at some want of strength in Henry Irving's impersonation, but this can only be gathered by a careful "reading between the lines," whilst all describe Miss Ellen Terry as a perfect Cordelia. The *Telegraph* writes:—"Of all Henry Irving's tragic personations this is at once by far the most picturesque and imposing. A tall, gaunt, supple, and kingly figure, the thin and attenuated frame weighed down with a swathing load of regal garments. A splendid head, indeed, with the finely-cut features, the restless eyes, and the yellow parchment skin set in a frame of snowy white hair and silvered *struggling* beard; and, of course, those eloquent hands which have been so often discussed and so frequently described. When the play is over and the glamour of the scene has faded away, the new 'Lear' will come back to the mind with vivid force." The scenery was superb, and the cast generally first-rate. The same writer remarks of Mr. W. J. Holloway that "a more proxy rendering of Earl of Kent has seldom been seen;" but the *Standard* thinks that "no little credit was due to Mr. Holloway for his blunt honesty and manliness as Kent." At midnight all the actors were called before the curtain and Mr. Irving said, "It is not in my power adequately to express the pleasure we feel at knowing that our efforts to-night have met with your sympathy and approval. If we have been able to do anything to suggest the marvellous beauties of this Titanic work, we are more than repaid, and our labours are not in vain." So ended a memorable evening.

Preparations for the forthcoming pantomimes are going on apace both at Her Majesty's and the Lyceum Theatres. At the new house Mr. Walter Raynham began rehearsing the principals on Tuesday after their arrival from Melbourne. The party consists of Misses Leamar, Conyers, Nott, and Tinnie, and Messrs. Courtredge and Haslem. Miss Alice Leamar, who will be the Little Red Riding Hood of the new cast, had signed an agreement with Sir Augustus Harris to play the same character this year at Drury Lane Theatre, where the pantomime was to enjoy the second title of "Little Bo-Peep," with Miss Marie Lloyd as Bo-Peep. When the stay of the Gaiety Company in Australia was prolonged, Mr. Musgrove obtained Miss Leamar's release from the contract. Hitherto Sydney playgoers have seen Miss Leamar only in the liveliest possible burlesque roles. In her new character, simply dressed in the picturesque grey frock and scarlet hood, she will repeat a naive impersonation which won her praise at the Cardiff Theatre Royal a year or two back. Miss Leamar is, indeed, a Welsh girl, being one of the five daughters of Mr. G. Lewis, a Swansea man. All the sisters in turn went on the stage, but the popular "Sisters Leamar" (Nelly and Kitty by name, who became respectively the Hon. Mrs. Duncombe and Mrs. Bint) had already made their name when Alice Leamar was appearing at the age of nine years as a "little angel" at the Prince's Palace, Leeds. After a few years at school Miss Leamar in 1883 joined the variety stage, and since that date she has played principal boy in the pantomime productions at Portsmouth, Birmingham, and other great provincial centres. Miss Leamar will assume a child-like demeanour as Red Riding Hood, and the timid glance of her large blue eyes will be such as to almost (but not quite) melt the heart of the wicked wolf of the fairy story.

The safe arrival at Adelaide of Miss Lillie Napier by the Orotava was promptly telegraphed to Mr. George Rignold, and, time pressing, the new "principal girl" of Her Majesty's pantomime came on by the mail train at once, and reached Sydney on Thursday afternoon. Although Miss Napier was appearing at the Tivoli at the time of her engagement for Australia, she has had considerable experience in burlesque. Her stage *début* was in "Blue Beard" at Drury Lane Theatre about 1880, and later she had a small part at the same house in the revival of "Madame Angot." In 1882, Miss Napier appeared in "Little Robin Hood," at the Gaiety Theatre, during the days of that great quartet, Farren, Vaughan, Terry, and Royce, but finding at the end of a six years' engagement that promotion was slow, the young actress entered upon a more encouraging career at the London music halls. Miss Napier has, however, appeared in pantomime regularly every Christmas, and as she is tall and shapely and is credited with the possession of a good voice, she should be able to give a good account of herself next week at Her Majesty's Theatre.

Mr. W. J. Wilson of this city has received from Johannesberg, South Africa, the sad news of the death of Mrs. George Darrell on the 6th November at the early age of 25. This actress, who was well-known here under her stage name of Miss Chris Peacher, must have been carried off very suddenly, as a fortnight earlier Mr. Darrell had written to say that all the members of his company were in perfect health.

The death of Mr. T. B. Appleby, latterly lessee of the South Shields Theatre, took place at that city on the 7th November. Mr. Appleby was the comedian of the Dunning Opera Company, and his Dromeo in "Manteaux Noirs" was a truly humourous creation which will long be remembered in Australia. He was 47 years of age at the time of his death.

At the Bijou Theatre the members of the Brough-Boucicault Comedy Company have been bidding their Melbourne friends good-bye. On Monday Mr. Titheradge took his benefit as the Abbé Dubois in "A Village Priest," and last night the firm absolutely terminated their lease of the house. This evening Messrs. Brough and Boucicault will be given a benefit in recognition of their six years' good management in the *sister city*. All the dress circle and most of the stalls at the Bijou Theatre were booked at once at 7s 6d a seat, so that though the times are bad, money has not been wanting to render the farewell of the popular actor, managers a great financial success.

Writing from Wellington under date 6th November, Mr. Potter and Mr. Kyrle Bellew have forwarded Christmas and New Year's cards to many of their friends in Sydney and Melbourne. The stars produced "Thérèse Raquin" at the Globe Theatre, Boston, on 3rd October, and at Washington played Zola's drama at Albaugh's Opera House. "The most horribly fascinating performance I ever witnessed" is the comment of one critic, who adds that there is no impropriety in the piece, although the tragedy of love and murder is terribly realistic. The acting of both the stars is favourably reviewed. In her letter Mrs. Potter expresses an intention of returning to Australia, "possibly next year."

Miss Emilia Wood will sail with her mother for Europe by the Ormuz on Monday. It is the intention of the young pianist to disembark at Naples, and to spend two or three months in Milan before going on to London. Miss Dora Ohlfsen-Bagge will sail for Bremen by the Oldenberg on Saturday next, having decided to study music in Germany. Miss Ohlfsen-Bagge will probably enter the Berlin Conservatorium.

Herr Francik, whose return from Germany and Bohemia after some years of absence was lately recorded in these columns, sailed for Tasmania on Wednesday last. The violinist now proposes to give concerts at Hobart and Launceston, and to visit New Zealand, thus postponing his appearance in Sydney until the middle of next year.

Playgoers here will learn with deep regret of the serious illness of Mr. Bland Holt. The production of "Babes in the Wood" at the Melbourne Theatre Royal has accordingly devolved upon Mr. John Gourlay, whilst Mr. Holt's part has been allotted Mr. H. Shine.

Hervé, composer of Chilpéric and the like, speaks thus to the reporter of the Paris *Figaro*:—"Yes, monsieur, I am more able than Mozart, with his powdered wig and all-over-pattern-dressing-gown music. He had talent, I grant, but I am far above him, and in every style. His 'Requiem!' What is it after all? Ah! if you had heard my 'Super flumina Babyloniæ' at St. Eustache. There's music for you!"

From Monday next until Christmas Eve it seemed probable that, with the close of the Princess's and the Bijou, Melbourne would be absolutely without a theatre of any kind during the week. To avert this calamity, however, a company revived "Current Cash" at the Opera House. The exact amount of the resulting currency is not known.

Mrs. Maude Digby, who played so long with the Rignold Dramatic Company here as "Miss Solange Novaro," is now touring the English provinces in "A Million of Money" as the heroine of the melodrama.

Mr. Wm. Elton will shortly make his first London appearance in "Dorothy" as Lurcher, the part he has played so often in Australia.

Mdme. Melba studied her new part as Desdemona in Verdi's "Otello" under Signor Tosti.

Mascagni is at work on an opera to be called "William Ratcliffe," founded on Heine's poem.

THE NOVEMBER MAGAZINES.

The Forum this month gives special prominence to "Our Failure in Municipal Government," on which subject two articles are written by the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain and C. F. Adams. Mr. Chamberlain is of opinion that the exercise of the functions of local government is the best political education for a free people. He aims at showing the chief differences between municipal government in England and in the United States, using the article entitled "The Best-governed City in the World," which attracted some attention in *Harper* a couple of years ago, to illustrate the former, while Boston is selected as typical of the latter. The leading idea of the English system, he says, may be said to be that of a joint stock or co-operative enterprise in which every citizen is a shareholder, and of which the dividends are receivable in the improved health and the increase in the comfort and happiness of the community. The paper is full of interesting matter for the student of the working of municipal institutions. The other article is entitled "Lessons from the Experiences of Quincy, Mass." The writer dwells on the trouble experienced in city governments in America, one main cause of which, he finds in the fact that they were framed on the model of the constitution of the State and of the United States. The article is not flattering to the American municipal system. It seems almost to have been assumed as a maxim by the framers of the city charters, we read, that municipal machinery would work more efficiently in proportion to its clumsiness and intricacy; and one of the results is that certain irresponsible combinations in the legislative chambers and city halls, generally known as "rings," really control the administration of affairs. A series of eight contributors give opinions on the subject of "The Presidential Election: For Whom Shall Vote and Why?" It is interesting to note that those who vote for Harrison do so because his principles include "reasonable protection to American industries," or because "if the Democratic party should be successful next month a low tariff would logically follow," or because to change the tariff radically, "or even to create the probability of the imminence of such an attempt through the election of a Democratic Administration and Congress would necessarily lead to an immediate unsettlement of all commercial and industrial affairs, and to consequent widespread depression." Sir Thomas Farrer and Lord Masham contribute two papers on British opinions of protection and freetrade; and Professor Davis discusses the condition of the small farmer. Madame Modjeska, in a paper on the question of "Endowed Theatres and the American Stage," after promising that the public desire for theatrical performances is markedly increasing, and remarking upon what she calls "the brutal custom of bringing the people to the theatre by means of elaborate prints and a bragging style," goes on to argue against the system of travelling stars and combinations. There is nothing more detrimental to the actor and his art, she says, than this constant shifting from one place to another and the run of the same piece hundreds of times, until the actor's work becomes nothing more than a mechanical and weary reproduction of his part night after night. The remedy, she thinks, is to be found in the establishment of endowed theatres independent of the money question, and for this she looks to the millionaires. "What We Really Know About Mars" is the title of an article in which Professor Holden summarises the recent investigations and their results in the remark that so long as the widely divergent views of Flammarion, Schaeberle, Brett, and others can be advocated by competent observers, the wise course is to reserve judgment and strive for more light. A paper on the Public school system, and one or two others, have a restricted interest.

The *Century Illustrated* contains another of Archibald Forbes' sketches, "What I Saw of the Paris Commune," with illustrations of the assassination of the hostages, and Rudyard Kipling contributes a poem, very brief but characteristic, called "The Answer." Those who are concerned about the history of social experiments will find readable matter in some "Reminiscences of Brook Farm," by George P. Bradford, on a subject respecting which Nathaniel Hawthorne has also left some scraps of description. The "Letters of Two Brothers" deals with the correspondence of General and Senator Sherman, and there is a well-illustrated paper about "Road Coaching Up to Date," besides contributions by Brander Matthews, Lowell, James Whitcomb Riley, Octave Thanet, Aldrich, and others, and a well-illustrated article about Ilya Repin, a Russian national artist.

The *Cornhill* has a roundabout sort of paper under the title "Sterne at Home," beginning with the boy's scrawl in his school-books, and ending with travellers' scribble in a copy of "The Sentimental Journey," which is in the possession of Madame Dessin at Calais. Sterne's relations with his mother, which have been so adversely commented on, are explained in an unpublished letter of the author which lately came into the possession of the British Museum, and from which extensive quotations are made here. "Prehistoric Trepanning" deals with its subject in the light of evidences of the practice discovered among the remnants of the races of the polished stone age. It appears that these evidences are sufficient to show that not only were the skulls of living men systematically trepanned among the men who raised the stone arches and dolmens or cromlechs such as may be seen at Stonehenge and Carnac, but that they also preserved the pieces of skull thus removed, and used them as ornaments or amulets. "Could Iron" is a paper going into the historical and superstitious reasons for the preservation of horseshoes; and there is a story-sette called "The Puzzle," besides the usual serials.

Blackwood has an article suggested by Lord George Bentinck's "Racing Life," recently written by John Kent. The writer shows that Lord George was the statesman *malgré lui*, though he was born with the instincts and the genius for all relating to horseflesh. Yet this Lord Paramount of the Turf, as Disraeli called him, sacrificed his tastes and the whole of his enormous stud just when his gains were the greatest and his hopes the highest. This contributor is emphatic as to the success of this ambition. "We know no similar example," he says, "of a man who honourably discharged such weighty responsibilities, while assiduously acquiring elementary knowledge, and painfully yet steadily graduating in statecraft." A description of Kezanlik, the valley of roses, in the Balkans, once the famous rose-garden of Turkey, is an agreeable piece of reading, and a chatty paper on "Clothes," by Herbert Maxwell, ranges from the consideration of Mr. Keir Hardie's eccentricities of costume to the theory of Marie Bashkirtseff as to the reason for wearing any costume at all. A fantastic enough little sketch, called "The Bacillus of Love," describes the operation of that emotion from the point of view of the bacillus itself. The fourth paper of the series on "Old Elections" is also given, with an article on Tennyson and a sonnet by Sir Theodore Martin; and other articles deal with the exploits of General Church among the Apulian brigands, and London after the great fire.

Longman's has some sketchy articles, including a "Plea for Thirty Shilling Pieces," a "Gossip about Eels," "A Baker's Pound," and "Sport and Natural History on the Botllet River, N'Gamiland;" besides some rather spirited verses on an exploit of the elder Dumas's father in the wars of La Vendée, a short story, and Mr. Andrew Lang's usual notices of books.

Macmillan for November has an article on the death of Tennyson, by the Rev. Canon Ainger, who says that the English-speaking race feels the poorer for this event. "It dispirits and discourages us, because we feel that the last of a long line has departed, and we are anxious and uneasy as to the possibilities of the future." "Bindon Hill" is one of those readable descriptive sketches that now and then appear in this magazine; and in "The Story of a Free Lance," by Charles Edwardes, there is a sketch of the life of the famous condottiere Carmagnola, which is full of the colour of the time. "Rossean's Theory of Education" is dealt with in a contribution by A. E. Street, which is worth reading, though the subject is very far indeed from being new; and in "An Old French Printer," H. C. Macdowall gives an account of Etienne, or Stephanus, one of those old craftsmen, who made of his art a sort of religion, and of whom the historian, De Thou, has written that "to him, not France alone, but all Christendom owed more than his country ever owed to the bravest of her generals." There are several other sketchy articles in the number, among them one on "The Two Fondroyants," which gives a spirited account of the capture of the ship of that name which was associated with Byng's fate, and of the other built in Plymouth Dockyard in 1789, which Nelson once commanded, and which was recently sold to a German firm. F. Marion Crawford's serial "Don Orsino" reaches its twenty-seventh chapter in this number.

Temple Bar is readable. There are papers here about Washington Irving, Cromwell as a soldier, Magara, a Modern shrine and funeral, "Among the Alents," and a sketch of an incident in the career of the brigand Ciro Annichiarico, of Apulia, whose life happens to form the subject of an article in another of this month's magazines. All these papers are readable, particularly the gossipy one about Irving.

The *Westminster* opens with an article on "Mr. Conway's Life of Thomas Paine," which the anonymous writer says has not only rendered a long-needed service to the memory of an ill-used man, but a service to justice, humanity, and liberty in the person of one of their martyrs. One reason why Paine is tabooed, we read here, is because his book was condemned in court, and English propriety can never recognise a man who has been found guilty, no matter how unjustly. In "The Financial Relations of England and Ireland," the writer, J. O'N. Daunt, says that the financial terms of the Union were designed and contrived to rob Ireland. The Parisian street urchin receives attention in an article by Mary Negroponte, and there are other papers, on the new University for London, the sanctions of morality in their relation to religious life, a new union for women, individualism and the recent elections, with the usual notices of contemporary literature and the drama.

In the *Investor's Review* the most noticeable article from a local standpoint is entitled "Heavy-laden New Zealand; a Rejoinder by the Agent-General of the Colony." The editor introduces it by the remark that "many of his statements are but another way of saying what we have already said; others we emphatically disagree with, but the verdict may be left to time." The article is a long one, but the conclusion is that notwithstanding the debt of the colony, the returns from land are so good and so certain, and the taxation upon it so small, that no country offers better attractions to hard-working men with a practical knowledge of farming than New Zealand. The colony's fertile soil, he says, invites capital and labour to migrate, and aid in the development of one of the richest and most beautiful parts of the globe. Other articles deal with "Bimetallism—a Manchester Madness," Argentine railways, plain facts about life insurance, the financial prospects of Brazil, and other topics.

Chambers's Journal, amongst its customary large collection of readable matter, has an article about "Australasian Banks and British Deposits." A sort of history of Australian banking institutions is given. On the authority of the *Australasian and Insurance Banking Record* it is stated that during the last seven years the banks of issue have lost four and a half millions. The bulk of the article consists of a compilation of the current figures relating to the subject.

St. Nicholas has a hitherto unpublished poem by John Greenleaf Whittier, and the usual budget of pretty pictures and stories.

The *English Illustrated Magazine* has a fine frontispiece of Lord Tennyson, after a picture by G. F. Watts, R.A.; and Douglas Sladen writes about "New York as a Literary Centre," giving some interesting details and portraits. A story by Beet Harte is called "Sally Dows," and a readable article describes the green-room of the Comédie Française. G. A. Sala writes about "The Cries of London," and there are two or three other articles and many illustrations.

The *Newbery House Magazine* has its usual collection of matter interesting to churchmen.

THE LESSONS OF THE CRISIS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—New South Wales is once more drifting towards a lee shore in the matter of finance, and in close agreement in the midst of a political crisis. The position our community occupies accentuates the truth of two lessons which the Democratic party of the Legislative Assembly have been inculcating for the last eighteen months. The first is the necessity for retrenchment; the second, the fallacy and danger of our system of party government.

Twelve months ago, foreseeing the results of the prevailing depression, we formed the party of retrenchment, and made a persistent and determined effort to effect a reduction of the national expenditure. We left our mark upon the military vote, and led to reform and reorganisation there; but, owing to the combined antagonism of the Ministry and the Opposition, we were not able to achieve much reduction with regard to the is a well-illustrated paper about "Road Coaching general public expenditure. Yet who doubts now that wewere right? It was clear at the time to most persons who had the courage of their opinions that a scheme of retrenchment was absolutely necessary to enable New South Wales to weather the storm which was then threatening her. Subsequent developments have shown that we then had a deficit of £1,750,000, and that deficit has since declined to nearly £1,200,000. Under these circumstances the retrenchment party can take credit to themselves for being wiser than their opponents, and in their hour of triumph afford to extend the hand of forgiveness to the foe.

Whichever side wins in the impending motion of censure, retrenchment must be the order of the day. Sir Henry Parkes and other old-time politicians may resist the movement, but it will triumph all the same. Time and depression fight upon our side. When the careful mariner sees the approach of a storm he reefs the sails of his ship, and politicians who desire to obtain credit for sagacity and foresight must take a leaf out of the book of the mariner, as this community is in troubled waters. It is simply impossible for New South Wales to continue spending the enormous amount she does every year upon her Government, for the simple reason that another five years of this extravagance will lead to a condition of bankruptcy. The politician who would refuse to countenance a scheme of retrenchment under existing circumstances ought to be scouted from public life as the enemies of the people. And that schemes of retrenchment must be drastic and far-reaching one. It is of no use to attempt to scamp the work. All waste, extravagance, and unnecessary expenditure must be expunged from the Estimates. A few months ago I proposed a scheme of retrenchment which reduced the salaries of the Governor, the Ministers, the Speaker, the President of the Legislative Council, and members of Parliament, as well as the fees of the Public Works Committee, &c. The public will now look with favour upon a proposal to pass some such self-denying ordinance as an earnest of their intentions in the matter of retrenchment, and as an example to every other person who is receiving the pay of the State. By such a proceeding Parliament may save the necessity for fresh taxation upon the people at a time when they are not in a position to bear such imposts. This is the first lesson of the crisis.

The second lesson is the insufficiency and danger of our system of party government. I have already dilated at length upon this theme in your columns, and I need not therefore go over the ground again. Suffice it to say that the present crisis proves how, at a time when the country is bankrupt, and when relief is urgent, we are asked to stop all Parliamentary proceedings, and to block all legislation in order that one set of financial bunglers may replace another set of financial bunglers. To quote a famous phrase of Sir Henry Parkes's, that would be a mere display of "idle consistency." We require a much more drastic remedy than that. We have to consider whether the whole system of party government is not radically wrong, and ascertain whether we cannot devise one based upon common sense, progression in legislation, and continuity of policy. Why should the whole business of the country be jeopardised merely because the proposer of one Minister are not satisfactory? Why not replace that Minister with a more competent or acceptable man, and let the business of the country proceed as if nothing had happened to check it? As I have already shown, other countries have achieved the much-to-be-desired method of government, and there is no reason why we, as an intelligent people, could not do the same. Of course such proposals will grate upon the feelings of the Bourbons of our political arena and those who think with them; but what if they do? These apostles of Conservatism must walk in the footsteps of their forefathers, or they would be lost. Their lives upon precedents, and regard punctilliores as the soul of the body politic. They remind me of the man on the banks of the Euphrates who refused to build a boat for Lavard because their forefathers had only used inflated skins as a means of transportation across that river. They resemble the King of France who refused to be saved from a conflagration because the wrong chamberlain had aroused him to the danger he was in. The crystallised Conservatism of such obsolets politicians ought not to weigh with the public at a time of national crises like this. Party government has proved an utter failure in New South Wales. *Mens, mens, tetri sphaxrsin* is written upon its walls, and it should be relegated to the lumber-room of exploded political delusions. Till this is done, and not till then, shall we have settled government, progressive legislation, and continuity of policy in this much misgoverned community. I am, &c.,

E. W. O'SULLIVAN.

MACHIAVELLI.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—After perusing Cardinal Moran's reply to Professor Wood in your issue of yesterday, it occurred to me that Macaulay also had something to say respecting this celebrated man. On referring to the Essays I found the following:—"In the Church of Santa Croce a monument was erected to his memory, which is contemplated with reverence by all who can distinguish the virtues of a great mind through the corruptions of a degenerate age, and which will be approached with still deeper homage when the object to which his public life was devoted (*i.e.*, the freedom of Italy) shall be attained." I wonder whose opinion most men will feel inclined to accept, the Cardinal's, the professor's, or Lord Macaulay's? I am, &c.,

VERITAS.

While 593,477 tons of coal were imported into Malta from England in 1890, only 376,509 tons were imported in 1891.

LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT.—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16.

No. 1 Jury Court.—(Before his Honor the CHIEF JUSTICE and a jury of four.)

DUKE V. CROFT.

Mr. Hanbury Davies and Mr. Garland, instructed by Mr. G. F. A. Davenport, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Ralston, instructed by Mr. C. Bull, for the defendant. This was an action brought by John Duke against Eugene Croft to recover a little deed dated October 1, 1838, made between Arthur O'Brien and plaintiff and Thomas Duke, to 50 acres of land at Liverpool. The defendant set up a deed of mortgage signed by John Duke, jun., and Thomas Duke to secure a loan of £50.

Plaintiff accepted a nonsuit.

WHITING V. PEEBLES.

Mr. Pring, instructed by Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co., appeared for the plaintiff. The defendant did not appear. This was an action to recover the sum of £145 2s 8d under the following circumstances. In 1882 a quantity of rum came out from Scotland to a Mr. M'Murrick, who, however, hypothecated it to the Bank of New South Wales. As he was not able to pay off the amount due to the bank, the defendant suggested to plaintiff that they should jointly purchase the rum by paying off the liability to the bank and dispose of it on joint interest. The plaintiff consented to take a half share in the speculation, and £1303 3s 2d was paid to the bank. The rum was, however, subsequently sold at a loss of £270 4s 10d, of which the plaintiff now claimed one half from defendant.

Verdict for the amount claimed.

No. 2 Jury Court.—(Before his Honor Mr. Justice LYNES *and a jury of four.)*

HENDERSON V. GEDDES AND COMPANY (PART HEARD).

Sir Julian Salomons, Q.C., and Mr. O'Connor, instructed by Messrs. Levy, Moriarty, and Perkins, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. C. B. Stephen, instructed by Mr. E. H. Crossman, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Louis Charles Henderson against J. H. Geddes and Co., trading as the Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, to recover the sum of £1120 5s 10d, compensation for services rendered and expenses incurred on behalf of the defendants. The defendant company paid £750 5s 10d into court, and denied their liability in regard to the remainder.

The jury returned a verdict for £350 in addition to the money paid into court.

CITY MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, LIMITED, V. JOHNSTON AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Edmunds appeared for the plaintiff; defendant, Thomas Johnston, appeared in person. The action was one of ejectment, and by consent a verdict was entered for the plaintiffs, such verdict to be set aside if the defendant paid the amount owing before the end of June of next year.

LITTLE V. BRASHAW.

Mr. Mark Mitchell appeared for plaintiff, Robert Little. The defendant, Harry Brashaw, did not appear. This was one to recover £15 3s 5d for goods sold and delivered.

Verdict for the amount claimed.

No. 3 Jury Court.—(Before his Honor Mr. Justice STEPHEN *and a jury of four.)*

SIMMONDS V. YATES AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Hanbury Davies and Mr. James, instructed by Mr. H. White, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Bruce Smith, instructed by Mr. G. Banks Smith, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Catherine M. Simmonds against George Yates and Walter L. Stilwell, house and land agents, to recover compensation from the defendants for alleged breach of warranty in regard to the purchase by her of the goodwill of a boarding establishment. She also sued for conversion of furniture. According to the plaintiff's story she is a married woman, who had been deserted by her husband, against whom she has a protection order, and for some years she has supported herself and children by keeping boarders at Bondi. At last, finding herself having saved a sum of £40 she was desirous of securing another establishment. Accordingly in September she saw the defendants, who carry on business in Oxford-street, and completed arrangements with them for the purchase of the goodwill of a boarding-house business conducted by a Mrs. Moran. The defendants at the time assured her that the business was a going concern, being fully furnished, and having been eight years paying from 25s to 30s per week. Accordingly the plaintiff purchased the business, paying £40 cash and giving, as she alleged, a bill of sale for the balance of the purchase money, which was to be £45. She afterwards found that the representations made to her were false, and moreover it turned out that she had signed a chattel lease of the furniture, under which she was to pay £1 per week with the option of purchasing the furniture at any time for the sum of £100 19s. The lease also acknowledged the payment of the £40 bonus.

The jury returned a verdict for the defendants, and found specially that they were guilty of no fraud or misrepresentation upon the part of defendants.

LONDON CHARTERED BANK V. LEVY AND ANOTHER.

By consent a verdict was given for £135 9s 6d.

In Equity.—(Before his Honor Mr. Justice OWEN, *Chief Judge.)*

MORT'S DOCK COMPANY V. BROKEN HILL SOUTH SILVER-MINING COMPANY.

Mr. Knox, instructed by Messrs. Curties and Barry, appeared for the plaintiff company; and Mr. Langer Owen, instructed by Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen, for the defendant company.

This was a suit brought by the Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, Limited, to restrain the Broken Hill South Silver-mining Company, Limited, its servants, agents, and workmen, from erecting, using, procuring the manufacture of, or permitting any other person or company to use, sell, or dispose of any smelting furnaces constructed in accordance with the patent invention known as Dodd's Patent Water-jacket Smelting Furnaces, and from in any way infringing or derogating from the rights of the plaintiff company in the invention.

His Honor made a decree *in favour* of the plaintiff company in terms of minutes of a decree signed by counsel and handed in.

MAHONEY V. BYRNE.

Mr. Knox, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, and Co. appeared for the plaintiff.

This was a motion to make absolute a rule *nisi* for a writ of attachment against the defendant A. A. Byrne, for disobeying an order of the Court. Michael Mahoney, a labourer living in Dubbin, was sole beneficiary under the will of Denis Donnellan, deceased. The deceased by his will appointed Byrne was executor of the estate, and was supposed to have collected between £600 and £700, but the plaintiff had been unable to get the money. Some time ago an order had been obtained from the Court directing the defendant to pay the money. The order was not obeyed, and on the 18th November a rule *nisi* for a writ of attachment against the defendant was granted. The matter came up again on the 2nd December on a motion to make the rule absolute. The defendant Byrne attended, and said his solicitor had collected the money and had kept it. The case was adjourned to enable the defendant to take proceedings against his solicitor. The application was now again made to have the rule made absolute. Byrne again appeared, and said he had written to his solicitor for the money but had received no reply.

His Honor said he would give the defendant three weeks to take such action as he might be advised against his solicitor. If at the end of that time the defendant had not taken proper action the attachment was to be made absolute, and he was then to remain in Darlinghurst till he had cleared himself.

GODFREY AND ANOTHER V. OSTERMEYER AND CO.

Mr. Langer Owen appeared for James Godfrey, and Mr. Cohen for the defendants.

This was an adjourned application on behalf of the defendants, Ostermeyer, Dewes, and Co., to have the suit dismissed for want of prosecution. H. P. Palser, one of the plaintiffs, was to have set the cause down for hearing on or before the 2nd January, but was to pay the costs incidental to the application. He had not done so, however, his reason being that he had not understood the order.

His Honor said he would give Palser one more chance. The cause would have to be set down for hearing in proper order on or before the 2nd January, the costs of the applications to be paid by Palser as a condition of proceeding with the suit; otherwise the suit to be dismissed with costs against Palser. The petitioner James Godfrey was ordered to be made a defendant.

BE SYDNEY PERMANENT P. L. AND B. SOCIETY.

Mr. Knox moved for an order sanctioning a resolution making an arrangement with the depositors of the Sydney Permanent Freehold, Land, and Building Society, under the Joint Stock Companies' Arrangement Act. His Honor confirmed the resolution.

In Chambers.—(Before his Honor the CHIEF JUSTICE.)

BE ROSALSKY (MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY CAVEATORS).

Mr. C. B. Stephen, instructed by Messrs. Dawson and Son, appeared. Adolphus Rosalsky, who is applying to bring certain land, consisting of 22½ perches, situated at the junction of Wellington-street and Regent-street, under the provisions of the Real Property Act, and moved for an order directing the Municipal Council of Sydney to remove their caveat. Sir Julian Salomons, Q.C., and Mr. Pring, instructed by Mr. George Merriman, appeared for the caveators. It appeared, according to the affidavits, that the applicant Rosalsky claimed to be entitled to the land in question, and had applied to have the land brought under the provisions of the Real Property Act. The applicant's title was duly investigated by the examiners and passed, subject to certain conditions, which were complied with. On the 28th October, however, the municipality lodged a caveat, claiming to be entitled to the fee sim

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THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1892

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

BY EDWARD PULSFORD.

I.

The more the financial statement, which was presented to the Assembly on Wednesday night, is examined the more unsatisfactory and insufficient does it appear. The Treasurer was both diffuse and reticent. He showered many needless figures on the committee. He was silent on points of the utmost gravity. The revenue receipts for the year opened well, but the second portion showed a falling off, a falling-off which became accentuated as the year progressed, and yet the Treasurer estimates that in 1893 the revenue will bound upward to the extent of no less than £286,000. The Treasurer presented the estimate, but made no attempt to justify it. It is patent that if the falling-off in revenue which has marked the later portion of this year had suddenly developed in the earlier portion that the aggregate revenue of the year would have been smaller than it is. Consequently had the Treasurer estimated the 1893 revenue at the 1892 aggregate, that estimate alone would have represented a marked advance in the receipts, and it may be added, advance in the general prosperity of the last half of 1892, but when that recovery is expected, and £286,000 on the top of it, it is about equivalent to the Treasurer asserting that in 1893 the prosperity of New South Wales will increase to an extent that will give, say, £500,000 extra revenue over the receipts existing at present. A recovery and an advance together, aggregating such an enormous sum, and representing a very remarkable outburst of prosperity ought to have had some explanation, but the Treasurer gave none. This is one instance of a reticence that cannot easily be explained or pardoned.

Another instance of this remarkable reticence is in regard to the position of the colony in the matter of loans. It is not say-ing too much to say that a widespread anxiety exists as to the future. The Treasurer might have been expected to inform the committee exactly how things stood. We all know that the Treasury wants money, and that the reason those Treasury bills so unexpectedly reappeared on the London market was that the local funded stock was not being subscribed fast enough. Said Mr. See: "To-day I made arrangements to meet all our engagements in London up to the end of the year. Only £250,000 Treasury bills have been floated there, but it has not inconvenienced the Government one iota. We have been enabled to meet all we want, and we can also send a little money home to meet engagements if necessary." When the Treasurer was speaking of meeting engagements to "the end of the year," he was within 17 days of the completion of that period. The Treasurer might have been expected to refer to the loan position not only as regards the remaining fortnight of 1892, but also as regards the year 1893. The public would have liked to know what were the engagements of the country and what were the expectations of being able to meet them, but they have been denied any real information. The remarks quoted will not allay, they can only increase the desire for information. These two instances of the reticence observed by the Treasurer are alone sufficient to stamp the statement as one unworthy of his position. Certainly they are calculated to raise a good deal of suspicion as to the general position of the finances of the colony.

The subject of the estimates of revenue for 1893 is one of vital importance, and it would be folly of the most extreme kind to ignore the probabilities. Certain things might happen which would cause business to improve and revenue receipts to again tend upwards, but no Treasurer is justified in framing his financial estimates on anything but existing conditions modified by only such reasonable on changes that are already developing. It is as certain as anything can well be that at present there exists no warrant for an expectation that 1893 will produce a revenue of £10,000,000. The colony ought not to sanction expenditure based on the expectation of a prosperity-revenue at a time when depression is general. Yet this is what the Government ask the colony to do. There need be no mistake about the matter; if the position of trade and commerce remains at about the level of the last six months, the revenue for 1893 will be of necessity something like £500,000 short of the estimate. There are some reasons why a still greater falling off in the revenue than we see at present might come about—certainly they do not strongly as any reasons pointing in the upward direction—but we do not take that into consideration. If Mr. See will spend a single hour in making inquiries he will find that the goods now on the way to Sydney or ordered for shipment, are in quantity far below the corresponding shipments of a year year ago, which of course means that much less duty will be collected. Indeed, if Mr. See is not already fully acquainted with these facts he is, probably, the only commercial man of any weight in Sydney in such a state of ignorance. The estimates of largely-increased Customs revenue, therefore, become all the more incomprehensible and unjustifiable. One is inclined to remember a memorable occasion about six years ago when the estimate of revenue was deliberately raised in a budget meeting expressly with a view to make ends meet. There is some reason to believe that that operation has been repeated. It is perhaps a bold thing to say, yet it may be said without any hesitation, that the Estimates, taken as they stand, examined by the light of experience and the commercial position of the times, point to a deficit of a million sterling on the accounts of 1893. If the revenue remains stationary the receipts would be half a million short. The Roads and Bridges vote, which has been taken off the estimates of expenditure on the ground that the Local Government Bill will place the expenditure elsewhere, must clearly be paid, much as usual, swallowing about another half a million. Then, under existing auspices, a prolific crop of Supplementary Estimates may be looked for. With these changes the promised surplus of £442,000 may easily become a deficit of £1,000,000. The estimate of £442,000 surplus is about the most transparently bogus estimate ever put forward. From what has been already said it is clear the whole financial position would profitably repay examination, and in two following articles we hope to throw much light on the subject. Meanwhile, with regard to the professions of using the pruning knife to cut down expenses, it is worth while noting the increase or decrease in the number of persons employed in the departments in which no increase or decrease is shown. These, of course, have not been included in the list.

	1892.	1893.	Increase.	Decrease.
Legislative Assembly	42	48	7	
Legislative Council				
Colonial Secretary	45	44		1
Auditor-General	1751	1815	62	
Police	1727	1850	123	
Hospital	4	4		
Statisticians	13	14	1	
Charitable institutions	54	57	3	
Fisheries Commission	33	34	1	
Treasury				
Treasury (as re-organised)	75	82	7	
Customs	228	250	24	
Government Printer	67	64	17	
Board of Health	24	27	3	
Shipping Master	14	15	1	
Gaols Inebriates Abattoirs	7	10	3	
Marine Board	237	235		
Harbours and Rivers	538	555	17	
The Attorney-General				
The Attorney-General	4	5	1	
Parliamentary Draftsmen	5	8	3	
Crown Solicitor	17	18	1	
Trades Disputes Commis.		7	7	
Lands				
Sales, lease, and divisions	283	297	14	
Land agents, &c.	76	81	5	
Surveyors	267	274	7	
Special service	24	18		6
Works				
General	370	406	36	
Public Works Committee	3	4	1	
Metropolitan Water	7	28	21	
Hunter River Water		11	11	
Justice:				
Department Justice	30	31	1	
Supreme Court	3	4	1	
Sheriff	83	84	1	
Coroner's	6	7	1	
Petty Sessions	295	290		5
Prisons	623	636	13	
Patents	2	3	1	
Public Instruction:				
General	174	221	47	
Industrial schools	29	32	3	
Free Public Library	27	28	1	
Church and school lands	4	5	1	
Mines:				
Goldfields	172	180	8	
Imported stock	5	8	2	
Agricultural Department	23	27	4	
The Postmaster-General:				
The Post Office	582	652	70	
Money Order	67	62		5
Electric telegraphs				
Telephones	64	92	28	
Electric lights	12	17	5	
Totals			461	21

It will be observed that the Government possess a truly remarkable pruning knife. It is a most kindly instrument. Some error appears to exist in the figures for the electric telegraphs, the number of stationmasters and operators appearing as 748 and 633 respectively for the two years—a reduction of 115—the salaries being £87,510 and £84,510. There are a considerable number of

THE SHOPS AT CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

SECOND NOTICE.

Preparation for the Christmas trade was pushed on yesterday in city business establishments. In a large number of cases the dressing of show-windows was completed, and as a consequence the appearance of the footwalks was vastly improved. A good deal of business appeared to be done in the afternoon, giving promise of better things for to-day and for next week. Most of the leading grocery establishments have completed their displays, and the windows are replete with Christmas cheer. In drapery establishments the preparation is well nigh completed. Stationers are filling their windows with Christmas literature, furniture dealers seek to tempt householders, while jewellers vie with one another in dazzling displays.

Messrs. Stevenson Brothers, of 332 George-street, make an exceedingly good display of jewellery. The stock is as well chosen as it is large, the proprietors having exerted themselves to provide for the wants of all classes of customers. Rings are shown in almost endless variety, and are offered at prices which range from the sum which a modest purse could afford to give up to three figures in pounds. Gold and silver studs, too, and pencil cases, scarf pins, sovereign purses, match boxes, cigarette cases, card cases, opera glasses, scent bottles, &c., take up a great deal of space, and in their manufacture new and pleasing designs have been introduced. Messrs. Stevenson Bros. have made special provision for those who desire to buy presents for lady friends, and point with complacency to their stock of engagement rings, with settings of diamonds, rubies, and sapphires, and to gold brooches set with diamonds, rubies, sapphires, opal, amethyst, and topaz, to gold bangles with padlocks, to bracelets set with precious stones, and to a great collection of gold and silver watches. Equally good provision has been made for those who desire to make gifts of jewellery to members of the sterner sex. The showcases are bright with silver ware for the dining table and sideboard, and with electroplated goods. Among the items named are new designs in cruets, fruit dishes, dish covers, toast racks, butter and jam vessels, pickle frame and forks, ice buckets, serviette rings, salad bowels and servers, butter knives, claret jugs, and so forth. This plated ware is of highest standard quality, and presents a most attractive appearance. Fancy china ware and goods in ivory and pearl are important features of the Christmas display, while of clocks generally there appears to be no end. Clocks for the workshop and for the office, clocks for the kitchen and for the drawing-room, clocks for the chants and Italian warehousemen, of 235 George-street, leave nothing to be desired in the preparation they have made for the approaching festival. An air of generous plenitude pervades the establishment, and so heavily laden are shelves and counters, and so well filled are store rooms and cellars that the visitor cannot but regard the stock as well nigh inexhaustible. There are teas and coffees, brandies and sherries and ports, ales and stouts, currants and raisins, and preserves, and attractive-looking tonsted cordoning game, ham, chicken, pork, savoury veal and ham paste, Oxford brawn, salmon cutlets, truffled paté de foie gras, truffled birds, larks, quail, plover, snipe, woodcock, fish, fruits, soups, sausages, and so on *ad infinitum*. All the ingredients for plum puddings are ready for issue, and are flanked by Stilton, Cheshire, Gruyere, Parmesan, Camembert, Roquefort, and Bodalla cheese, by great sides of bacon and hams, by myrnads of eggs, and other such good things. Butter, too, is temptingly displayed, and spices, candied goods, sauces, gravies, essences, and sweets generally are there in abundance.

CARDINAL MORAN'S REPLY TO PROFESSOR WOOD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I feel grateful to his Eminence Cardinal Moran for his kind condescension in explaining the serious accusations he made against me. The tone of his letter is sufficiently courteous, and I feel bound in honour to take good the promises of my former letter. I said that if his Eminence would point to any expressions of mine which had given him offence I would withdraw them, and in the future would make use of others. His Eminence has pointed out the offensiveness of the aggregational phrases about priest-invented dogmas and a dead Catholicism." I hasten to withdraw them.

"The trite Congregational phrase," "a dead Catholicism," his Eminence now admits "is never used. But it is invidious," it "conveys accurately the substance of my remarks." These remarks were as follows:—"By the end of the fifteenth century the glory of the Middle Ages, the glory of Catholicism had passed away, and Europe was still nominally Christian, but the pure spiritual religion which had been preached centuries ago by the peasant-prophet of Nazareth had wholly disappeared. A religion of dogma and of ceremonies had been invented." "These trite and offensive remarks," comments his Eminence, "can only mean that at the time of Sir Thomas More (!), though the corpse of Catholicism may have remained, the spirit had fled, and they (necessarily imply, from my standpoint at least, a dead Catholicism." I fear that we have struck a real difference of opinion. I was under the impression that Sir Thomas More's work was done in the 16th century. The remarks his Eminence quotes refer to "the end of the fifteenth century" which, I believe, was not "the time of Sir Thomas More," but the time of Pope Alexander VI. If his Eminence means to assert that the glory of the Catholic Church under Alexander VI. was as undimmed as it had been in the days of St. Anselm and St. Bernard, or as it was to be again in the days of St. Ignatius and Sir Thomas More, I must venture to disagree with him. Still, as the expression I used has proved offensive, I am glad to withdraw it. I substitute the words of Cardinal Bellarmine, the great Jesuit controversialist of the seventeenth century, in reference to the same period: "A flock of the Lutheran and Calvinistic heresy, according to the testimony of those who were then living, there was almost an entire abandonment of equity in ecclesiastical judgment, in morals and discipline, a distinctive design. Thus there are trophies for those who excel with the rifle and with the oar, for leaders in cricket and football fields, and for runners; and there are trophies, too, well worthy of honest victorious effort in this offensive mark." Altogether the display is a very attractive one.

Messrs. Riley Bros., of George-street, are well to the fore with a drapery display, and by way of preparation for Christmas bargaining, they offer a recently purchased salvage stock at special rates. All due provision has been made to meet the requirements of those who at this season of the year make purchases of ornamental and fancy goods, the special features of the stock now being offered are to be found in the essentially useful departments. Suits for boys and dresses for girls, clothing for men and for women in all ranks of life, and wardrobe goods generally are the great piles, and are offered at prices which Messrs. Riley Brothers say are impossible except under a cash system. Of gloves, and parasols, and laces, and ribbons, and other such goods for the feminine mind there is an abundance, and a variety which cannot but ensure the satisfying of all reasonable tastes and fancies. The stock also includes carpets of all makes, mats, trunks of every description, window blinds, bath blankets, table baize, rugs in endless all kinds, fancy basketware, and so on. At the Oxford-street branch of the establishment are shown toys and fancy goods of all kinds. Dolls dressed and undressed, dolls in wax and dolls in papier mache, dolls in wood, dolls, sleeping dolls, and indeed every other kind of doll, are shown in great profusion. Then there are dolls' houses and dresses, dolls' tea sets and carriages, and many other toys to which children are well disposed. And there are toys, too, for boys. Bats and balls, and tops and kites, and marbles, while for the older ones there are goods combining the useful with the ornamental, which would make very acceptable presents. The stock of ornaments offered at the Oxford-street branch is also a large and well-chosen one, and is attractively displayed. Head-gear is shown in all conceivable makes and colours, while to ribbons and laces, and handkerchiefs, and gloves and toilet requisites generally there appears to be scarcely any limit; and, as a background to this holiday display, there are dress stuffs and made-up clothes for children and adults of both sexes.

Messrs. Cash, Son, and Co., of 403 and 405 George-street, make an attractive display with saddlery and harness, portmanteaus, travelling and dressing bags, and manufactures in leather generally. The firm has been established for over half a century, and at present it is the largest and most varied stock of its kind in the colony. The display of harness is unusually good, and is comprehensive enough to supply the wants of the carter's stable and of the harness-room of the man of wealth, as well as all the wants that lie between these two extremes. Saddles are shown in great variety—saddles for ladies and for gentlemen—Victoria panel saddles, M'Grath saddles, Kangaroo exercise saddles, Wagga saddles, Hussar saddles, race saddles, boys' saddles, girls' saddles, &c. Bags are shown in great variety, and include handsomely-fitted travelling and dressing bags for ladies and gentlemen, Gladstone bags, ladies' hand bags, brief bags, and so forth. Then there is a large stock of spirit flasks with silver and nickel fittings, and an equally large stock of purses of all sizes and in all kinds of leathers. Letter cases, writing desks, and folios, wallets, and cigar and cigarette cases. Of walking canes and riding whips there is necessarily no end, and they are shown in great variety. Many of the riding crops are handsomely mounted, and should prove very acceptable presents to horsemen. Messrs. Brush and Co. have made large additions to their stock of plated horse-gear, and have thus added greatly to the attractiveness of their show cases. The harness for carriage horses is specially fine, and is richly mounted with nickel, burnished brass, and silver. Stirrup irons, bits, and chains, buckles, and other such details of the harness room make the cases in which they are shown sparkle as the light falls upon them. Horse rugs, saddle cloths, and carriage rugs are shown in a great variety of patterns, and help to make up a display which not only improves the visitor with a sense of completeness and excellence.

Messrs. A. Hall and Co., of 561, 563, 565, and 567 George-street, have filled their showrooms with household furniture of a kind which enables them to supply the wants of modest as well as of wealthy homes. Quite recently large shipments of art English furniture were unpacked, and with a view to making room for the display of these shipments, Messrs. Hall and Co. are offering old stock at reduced rates. Among the new goods are tasty ully upholstered drawing-room suites, and furniture for the library, the dining-room, and the study. In the manufacture of these goods, durability both as regards frame and upholstering, is combined with elegance of appearance. Bedroom suites are shown in great variety, and at prices which range from a few pounds upwards. Nor have Messrs. Hall and Co. been unmindful of the requirements of the kitchen. Homely-looking chairs, and tables, and dressers, but of undoubted strength, play an important part in the collection, and with them are shown a better-finished class of furniture for domestic use in artisans' homes. Austrian bentwood furniture, and wickerwork furniture in fanciful designs are well in evidence. So, too, is office furniture, in the importation of which Messrs. Hall and Co. aimed at supplying the wants of every style of office ranging between the pokey room on the top flat to the spacious apartment in which great mercantile firms transact managerial work. Lounge chairs, hammock chairs, rocking easy chairs, verandah chairs, lawn chairs, and forth are offered in all makes and at all prices; and, finally, there are large stores of goods on view in the departments devoted to carpets and upholsterings generally, and to chinaware.

Messrs. G. E. Fuller and Co., of 237 George-street, are well advanced with their Christmas display. The shop windows have been dressed with considerable taste, and present an appearance which arrests the gaze of the passer-by. Many novelties have been imported for the Christmas trade, and among these are articles which would be acceptable and useful presents to both old and young. Albums, purses, card-cases, pocketbooks, writing desks, work-baskets, and fancy glassware fill numerous showcases and help largely in making the shop present a bright and attractive appearance. Of picture books for young-sters there is a very large stock, and these are got up in a way that cannot fail to invest them with unlimited charms in the eyes of the boys and girls for whose use they are intended. Messrs. Fuller and Co. have regularly made cards and booklets a strong feature in their Christmas display, and have this season got together a collection more varied than ever. Following their usual custom, Messrs. Fuller and Co. have set apart one of the larger rooms of their establishment solely for the display of cards and booklets, and this arrangement is one which those in search of the novel and fanciful cannot fail to appreciate. Each Christmas one wonders whether it is possible to devise anything fresh in the season's cards; but a visit to Messrs. Fuller and Co.'s showrooms affords proof that artistic imagination is as vivid as ever. In the fancy-ware departments, adequate provision has been made for Christmas wants. Very pretty inkstands are well in evidence, and so too are handsomely-bound prayer and hymn books, prize books, writing desks, ornaments in glassware and ivory, fanciful paper-weights, gold and silver pencil-cases, framed photos, fine chins, and other requisites of a well-appointed stationery establishment.

Messrs. Peate and Harcourt, grocers, wine mar-

THE CHARGES AGAINST JOHN WILSON BENNETT.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, R.P.M., John Wilson Bennett, late manager of the Paddington branch of the English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank, was brought up in custody on four charges of having embezzled the sums of £1251 and £1138 9s, the property of the said bank, and of having forged warrants and orders for the payment of £735 10s and £220 respectively.

Mr. Fisher appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Mainwaring (for Mr. Thomas Reid) for the defendant.

The charge with respect to the sum of £1138 9s was first taken.

Sergeant Blackburn deposed to having charged the accused, who made no reply.

Formal evidence was given as to the sending by post on the 10th February, 1890, of a letter from Messrs. Fisher, Raiph, and Selway, solicitors, with a cheque for £1138 9s, enclosed to the accused.

Mr. Mainwaring said it would save time he would admit that his client received the letter.

Mr. Fisher: Do you acknowledge receiving the enclosed cheque also?

Mr. Mainwaring, after consultation with his client, replied in the affirmative.

The magistrate said it would be better for the facts to appear on the depositions.

The evidence on the point in question was then continued, and a receipt from the accused for the cheque was produced.

William Lee Hooper deposed that in February, 1890, he was manager of the Paddington branch of the London Chartered Bank. The accused had a current account in that branch, and he, on the 11th of the month, passed to the credit of the accused a cheque for £1138 9s, and received credit for the same.

James B. Ridings, branch inspector English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank, stated that he had ex- mined the books which were kept at the Paddington branch. There was no entry with respect to the cheque in question.

Evidence having been given as to the receipt of the cheque from the A. J. S. Bank and of its being duly honoured, the accused, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial to the Quarter Sessions to be commenced on 30th January next.

The next charge proceeded with was that of forging a warrant and order for the sum of £220.

Sergeant Blackburn stated that he formally charged the accused that morning. He made no reply.

Mrs. Sarah Desmond, residing at Harold-street, Newtown, said that she lodged £420 in the Paddington branch of the English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank on the 4th July, 1890, on fixed deposit for 12 months. She had no current account at that branch. She never drew any cheques on the branch, nor authorised anyone to do so. She never asked for leave to draw against the fixed deposit, neither had she ever asked for any loan. The signature on the cheque produced was not her signature.

Jas. B. Ridings, branch inspector, said the handwriting in the body of the cheque produced, which purported to be an order drawn by the accountant of Sarah Desmond for £220, was that of the accused. According to the books that cheque had been paid. The entry to this effect was in the handwriting of a clerk who was not now in the service. He produced the current account ledger, which showed that an account was opened there in the name of Sarah Desmond, on the 4th November, 1890, an entry appearing debiting that account with £220. That was in the handwriting of the accused. The cheque purported to have been cashed over the counter in notes. The writing to this effect was that of the accused. On 11th December, 1890, the accused left the duties at the bank and never resumed them afterwards.

This closed the evidence in the case, and the accused, who stated that on the advice of his solicitors he would reserve his defence, was committed for trial to the Quarter Sessions to commence on 30th January next.

The next charge proceeded with was that of having forged a warrant and order for the payment of £735 10s.

James N. Cook, baker, Oxford-street, Paddington, said in the month of November, 1890, he had a current account in the Paddington branch of the English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank. The cheque purported to be drawn in favour of the Assets Realisation Company or bearer for £735 10s, was not signed by witness, neither did he give anyone authority to sign it. The cheque was drawn on No. 2 account, but on the date on which the cheque was drawn the witness had no No. 2 account.

Jeremiah Roberts, secretary of the Assets Realisation and General Finance Company, Limited, said the cheque produced was never paid to his company.

Jas. B. Ridings, branch inspector, deposed that the whole of the handwriting on the cheque produced, with the exception of the signature, was unmistakably that of the accused. He was not absolutely certain that "No. 2" was in Bennett's handwriting. There was an entry standing that the cheque had been paid, while the cheque itself bore an endorsement in the handwriting of Bennett to the effect that it had been cashed over the counter. On 30th November, 1890, a cheque for £1000 was drawn, an entry appeared purporting to show that Cook's No. 2 account, which had been previously closed, had been re-opened, and had been debited with £735 10s. The account was not further operated upon, and was finally closed with interest.

The accused was committed on this charge for trial to the Quarter Sessions.

The next case heard was that in respect to the alleged embezzling of £12s1.

Sergeant Blackburn deposed that about 2 a.m. on the 10th instant he was on duty at No. 3 Police Station, when the accused came into the station in company with another man. The accused said, "I want to give myself up." Witness said, "What for?" Accused replied, "My name is John Wilson Bennett, formerly manager of the English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank, Paddington." Witness said, "Are you the Mr. Bennett who is so much in the papers?" Accused answered, "Yes; I left there about two years ago. I wish I had given myself up before, for I have had a miserable time of it for the past two years. He was then detained, and Sergeant Blackburn was sent for.

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Albert James Wilgoss said that in December, 1890, he was the employee of the English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank, and was in charge of the Glenmore-road Agency, which was under the management of the Paddington branch. It was the custom to lodge the cheques at the Glenmore-road Agency every evening in the strong-room of the Paddington branch, and take them back in the morning. Bennett had a master key of the strong-room. In the usual course witness brought down gold and notes to the Paddington branch on the evening of the 24th December, to the amount of £1251, and the bag containing the sum mentioned was put in the strong-room. After the Christmas holidays witness went to the Paddington branch, and as Bennett did not turn up at 10 o'clock the strong-room was opened with duplicate keys obtained from where they were deposited with the Commercial Bank. Witness got the bag containing the Glenmore-road cash, but on arriving at the agency with it he found that the notes and gold had been removed. He at once communicated with the officers of the Paddington branch.

James B. Ridings, branch inspector, said on 29th December, 1890, he went to the Paddington branch to make an investigation of its affairs. He saw Mrs. Bennett there and she gave him the letter produced, which bore no date and no signature.

Archibald John Hooper, relieving manager of the bank in December, 1890, gave evidence corroborative of that deposed to by the last witness.

At this stage the case was adjourned until Monday next, at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Mainwaring applied for bail.

Mr. Fisher said that he was instructed to oppose bail.

Mr. Mainwaring said that was very hard upon the accused.

Mr. Smithers said if he granted bail it would be at the least in the accused himself in £4000 or £5000, and securities in a like amount.

Mr. Mainwaring said that amount was prohibitory. If the sum was a reasonable one the accused could get the securities.

After a short discussion the consideration of the question of bail was postponed until the conclusion of the case on Monday next.

PARRAMATTA LAND BOARD.

This board held a meeting in the Courthouse on Thursday morning, and disposed of the following business:—Mr. T. S. Oatley's conditional purchase application 40 acres was postponed. Edward Grant, conditional purchase application 40 acres, confirmed. Improvements to be appraised: John W. Foster was allowed to effect other improvements in lieu of fencing on conditional purchase 40 acres. Nicholas Larkin applied for suspension of conditions on conditional purchase 100 acres; suspension granted till the 18th July, 1893. The applications for certificate of fulfilment of conditions were: Patrick Lawless, 40 acres, residence and 10s an acre, fulfilled: Robert R. Jack, 40 acres, adjourned for further evidence: David L. Mutch, 100 acres, adjourned for evidence: John Morrissey, 40 acres, certificate to issue: N. Larkin, 100 acres, no breach of conditions shown—it was recommended that a special lease be granted for five years at £3 per annum. Frank J. Dorna, 1½ perch, David Small, 40 acres, for declaration of review, was adjourned for further evidence.

It is stated that a new hall devoted to the objects obtained from the excavations of Nineveh will shortly be opened in the Vatican Museum.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

A programme, which gives promise of interesting sport, has been provided by the Warwick Farm management for their December reunion, that takes place to-day, and with ample facilities of transit, a large gathering may be anticipated on the popular convincing ground near George's River. Special trains leave Redfern at 12 noon (second-class), 12.22 p.m. (first-class), and 12.40 p.m. (mixed), while the special for horses and attendants starts at 11 a.m. The track is reported to be in excellent order, and the management have made due preparation for the requirements of a large gathering, especially in the catering department. Racing commences at 1.30 p.m. with the Hurdle Race, for which a large field will go to the post, and judging by the aptitude with which the weights have been distributed the contest should be a most interesting one, and the places may be appropriated by Iroquois, Violin, and Linwood. The Flying Handicap will bring about the meeting of a speedy contingent, and the first flight may be composed of Sherbrooke, Priory, and Plain Bill, while trouble may come from Lady Lovel and Blue Blood. A large field will be likely to go to the post for the leading article on the hill of fare in the Warwick Farm Plate. The list is headed by Cardoness and Affiance, who may be kept in reserve for more important engagements later on, and Steeltrap, Assyer, and Magnus may get home as named, unless Lord Robert can spoil them. Blackmail, Dewey, and Lullaby should furnish the winner for the Nursery Handicap; and Lady Loyal, Eldorado, and Creeper will be likely to fight out the battle for the Selling Race: while Gingham, Sherbrooke and C. B. are to be likely to distinguish themselves in the Park Welter. The programme is fully set forth in another part of this paper.

The Moorefield management have reason to be satisfied with the support accorded to their pony and galloway meeting, fixed for the 22nd instant, for which the half-dozen events on the programme attracted 151 nominations, distributed as under:—Flying Handicap, 33; Blakehurst Handicap, 29; Tiny Handicap, 21; Galloway Handicap, 23; Pony Handicap, 23; and Tempo Handicap, 22.

The programme framed by the Rosehill authorities for their pony and galloway meeting, fixed for the 27th instant, is announced in this issue, and owners and trainers of small horses should not forget that nominations for the following events must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. G. B. Rowley, before 9 p.m. on Monday next:—Clyde Handicap of 35 sovs. (14.2), lowest weight 7st 7lb, 5f; furlongs. Summer Handicap of 50 sovs. (14.), 5 furlongs; Finy Handicap of 25 sovs. (13.2), 4½ furlongs; Ryde Handicap of 35 sovs. (14.1), 6 furlongs; Pony Handicap of 30 sovs. (13.3), 5 furlongs; and Final Handicap of 60 sovs. (14.2), 1 mile and 1 furlong.

The following withdrawals from the Warwick Farm December Meeting have been notified at the office of the club:—Hurdle Race: Vanguard, Little Tommy, and Yaliaroi. Flying Stakes: Werong, Fernclough, Prince of Wales, Bota. Warwick Farm Handicap: Werong, Ariadne, Faut-Pas. Pace Welter: Moraine, Beta.

Satisfactory support has been accorded to the meeting to be held at Botany on Tuesday next, the entries and weights for which are published in another part of this issue.

Mr. J. Jolly, secretary of the Moorefield Racing Club, gives notice that commission of the programme provided for the January reunion on the 7th of that month. The sum of £400 will be distributed over half a dozen events as under:—Hurdle Race, a handicap of 60 sovs., about 2 miles; Steeplechase, a handicap of 60 sovs., about 2 miles; Flying Handicap of 60 sovs., for all horses 3 years; Kogarah Stakes, a handicap of 50 sovs., for all horses that have never won an advertised prize of the value of 40 sovs. at the time of running, 6 furlongs 50 yards; Moorefield Handicap of 50 sovs., second horse 10 sovs. from prize, 1½ miles; Auction Stakes of 70 sovs., for three years old and upwards, w.f.a., winner to be sold for 100 sovs., 6 furlongs; and Stewards' Mile, a handicap of 60 sovs., lowest weight 7st 7lb, 1 mile; entries close on Monday, 26th inst., when the club will be before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, the 28th instant.

The following race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.:—Dilke, Hillston, Somerton, Cathcart, Laggan, Wicks Complimentary (Rosebank), Portree, Jerilderie, Wangie, and Coulter.

La Cigale was yesterday withdrawn from all A.J.C. Summer engagements.

The entries received yesterday for the Christmas meeting of the Newcastle Jockey Club at the A.J.C. office were Kissing Cup for the Flying and Welter Handicaps, The Monk for the Selling and Novel Races, and Crusoe for the Hurdle Race.

The committee of the A.J.C. have granted permission to hold the Autumn Meeting on Saturday next, 24th inst., and the following programme has been adopted:—Flying Handicap of 70 sovs., six furlongs; Hurdle Race of 70 sovs., two miles; Selling Race of 50 sovs., six furlongs; Canterbury Handicap (amateur riders), one mile; Steeplechase of 60 sovs., two and a half miles; and Bookmakers' Purse of 100 sovs., one and a quarter mile and 100 yards. Messrs. H. Oxenham and Ashur Hall are collecting the last-named purse on the lawn in front of the pavilion of Tattersall's Club, and Mr. T. Payten has interested himself in a like direction among the trainers and jockeys at Randwick.

By a clerical error Fair Play Boy's nomination was left out of the published list of entries for the 2-40-class Trot at the Trotting Association's meeting on Wednesday next.

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The horse-taming competition at the Royal Aquarium, London, between Professor Leon, of Australia, and the American representative, Professor Sarapis, was brought to a conclusion on 7th November, when the prize was awarded to the latter. The success of the competition was so great that the directors of the aquarium engaged both professors to give exhibitions of horse-taming.

WARWICK FARM RACING CLUB.

Subjoined is the programme to be played out to-day:—

HURDLE RACE, 2 miles.—Cascade, 12st 2lb; Broker, 11st 11lb; Bellringer, 11st 9lb; Linwood, 11st; Violin, 11st 5lb; Filipus, 11st 2lb; Iroquois, 9st 7lb; Hexagram, 9st 5lb; Horsipipe, 9st 5lb; Windsor, 9st 5lb; Invictus, 9st 5lb; Poor Dick, 9st 2lb; Gipsy Queen, 9st; Stampede, 9st; Cuphill, 8st 12lb; Dirty Face, 8st; Reuben, 8st.

FLYING HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Quicksilver, 9st; Pharamond, 8st 7lb; Priory, 8st 5lb; Plain Bill, 8st 5lb; Kookaburra, 8st; Sherbrooke, 7st 11lb; Sherbrooke, 7st 11lb; Gingham, 7st 9lb; Avenger, 7st 9lb; Piscrut, 7st 7lb; The Marlee, 7st 7lb; Gaytime, 7st 7lb; Lord Robert, 7st 6lb; Lady Love, 7st 4lb; The General, 7st 4lb; Blue Blood, 7st 2lb; Widden, 7st; Meteorite, 6st 9lb; Keepsake, 6st 9lb; Brightlight, 6st 7lb; Avonmore, 6st 7lb; Racquet, 6st 7lb.

SELLING RACE, 7 furlongs.—Kelvin (£33), 7st 9lb; Jester (£35), 7st 8lb; Lady Lovel (£25), 7st 4lb; Eldorado (nil), 6st 13lb; Keepsake (nil), 6st 11lb; Gipsy Queen (nil), 6st 11lb; Creeper (nil), 6st 11lb.

WARWICK FARM HANDICAP, 1 mile 2½ furlongs.—Cardoness, 8st 10lb; Affiance, 8st 8lb; Pilot Boy, 8st 8lb; Aurelius, 8st 8lb; Magnus, 8st 8lb; Bel Giorno, 8st; Assayer, 8st; Moscow, 7st 4lb; Lancer, 7st 4lb; Steeltrap, 7st; Filipus, 7st 12lb; Zelendale, 7st 12lb; Lady Lovel, 6st 10lb; Lord Hobart, 6st 10lb; Tommy, 6st 8lb; Prolcia, 6st 7lb; Faut Pas, 6st 7lb.

NURSERY HANDICAP, 5 furlongs.—Madras, 9st 7lb; Ruskinite, 8st 4lb; Lluna, 8st 2lb; Lullaby, 8st 2lb; Dickens, 8st; Nimrod, 8st; Tiv

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—December 16.

Burrinbila (s.), 1085 tons, Captain W. Sinclair, from Brisbane 14th instant. Passengers—Mrs. Charlton and 2 children, Mrs. Phillips and child, Mrs. Willett, Miss Flynn, Master Anderson. Messrs. Healey, Ogle, Bourne, W. Voss, Keegan, C. Smith, J. Howitt, A. Howitt, M. Cameron, J. H. Nicholson, E. Cameron, and 30 in the steerage. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Newcastle (s.), 1251 tons, Captain Richard J. Skinner, from Newcastle 15th instant. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Lubra (s.), 447 tons, Captain R. E. Mannifed, from Morpeth 15th instant. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Gulf of Siam (s.), 3632 tons, Captain J. Saunderson, from London 21st October, Adelaide 8th December, Melbourne 14th December. A. Macarthur and Co., agents.

Lenna (s.), 1174 tons, Captain J. D. Joy, from Brisbane 14th December. Passengers—Mrs. G. Lotherington child and maid, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. M. Richards, Mrs. W. J. Hutton and child, Mrs. Irvine, Mrs. R. A. Ker, Mrs. Anderson and child, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Lyle, Mrs. Ray and 3 children, Miss M. Smith, Miss M. Richards, Miss Birchfield, Miss Harris, Miss Connell, Miss E. Watson, Miss Aldridge, Miss Bentley, Messrs. W. Young, Wilson, Mack, J. R. Simmins, J. F. Walker, Forbes, Lyle, Saxby, Darcy Irvine, Bartlett, G. Nason, Master G. Lotherington, Master D. Lotherington, 80 second cabin through passengers for southern ports. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons, agents.

Gabo (s.), 2080 tons, Captain Wm. Ellis, from Melbourne 14th December. Passengers—Mesdames Firth, Campbell, Dawson, Glendell, George Ainsley, T. Scott, Dunn, Stark, Hamilton, Levan and infant, Misses Ward, E. Kerry, M. Kerry, Fatey, Martin, Palmer, Lanyon, Finley, Howard, McLean, M. Carsan, L. Carsan, Hamilton, Park, F. Heatherwood, Carl, M'Aulis, Dunlop, Langley, Smith, Messrs. Delver, Hardy, Webster, B. Bennett, R. Bennett, W. Ramsay, Ramsay, Wm. Ramsay, O'Neil, Dunn, R. Smith, T. G. Scott, Ainsey, Campbell, J. Carsan, Carsan, J. Fleck, T. Hall, H. Prince, E. Noble, W. Cleuse, B. Monsar, and 97 in the steerage. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Byron (s.), 926 tons, Captain J. Carrier, from Manning River, via Cape Hawke, 15th December. Guest and Jewett, agents.

Helen Nicoll (s.), 364 tons, Captain D. Anthess, from Coff's harbour and ports. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Windsor Park, ship, 1768 tons, Captain R. I. Roldsfild, from London 29th August. Virgoe, Son, and Chapman, agents.

Neotsfield, ship, 1890 tons, Captain J. R. Rugg, from London 7th September. Dangar, Gedye, and Co., agents.

DEPARTURES.—December 16.

Romanoff, ship, for London.

Talaeri (s.), for Wellington.

Albert (s.), for Hamburg and Antwerp, via Melbourne.

Erlangen (s.), for Hamburg and Antwerp, via Melbourne.

Herman Wedel Jarlsberg (s.), for Antwerp and Dunkirk, via Melbourne.

Rotomahana (s.), for Wellington.

Tarawera (s.), for Jarvis Bay.

Burrumbeet (s.), for Melbourne.

Comah (s.), for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—December 17.

Celtic King (s.), for Auckland and ports: Bowen (s.), for Melbourne; Lucas (s.), for Melbourne; Adelaide (s.), for Melbourne and Adelaide; Gabo (s.), for Brisbane and Northern ports; Comah (s.), for Hobart; Corinna (s.), for Launceston, via Eden; Mowora (s.), for New Zealand ports, via Auckland; Helen Nicoll (s.), for Newcastle and Byron Bay; Tomki (s.), for Richmond River; Kallatina (s.), for Clarence River; Augusta (s.), for Byron Bay and Tweed River; Namoi (s.), for Newcastle; Lubra (s.), for Morpeth; Torridon, ship, for London; Orel, barquentine, for Genoa.

CLEARANCES.—December 16.

Rotomahana (s.), 1727 tons, Captain O. Allwon, for Wellington. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Keating and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hutton and child, and Mrs. Sommerville, Mr. and Mrs. Hatton and child, Rev. and Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Hampson, Mrs. Tish, Mrs. Tonkens and child, Mrs. Marsden, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Kneeshaw and children, Mrs. Sears and children, Mrs. Batter, Mrs. Tutt and child, Mrs. Meadowcroft, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Harris, Miss Morgan, and 60 in the second cabin house, Miss Lovegrove, Miss Twiss, Miss Lloyd, Miss Iles, Miss Marvon, Miss Smart, Miss Meares, Miss Watkins, Miss Cowper, Miss Hitch, Miss Manson, Miss Burgess, Miss Fagan, Messrs. Wilson, Gasgoigne, Kirkcaldie, M'Cormick, Nicholson, Dr. Corbett, Main, Wright, Takins, Lomas, Lawton, Wilde, Captain Twiss, charge, Faulkner, Morpeth, Master, Harvey, Maybittle, Jackman, Walpurton, J. A. Crain, Walker, Williams, A. S. Duncan, Ward, W. E. Warnurton, Professor Pennefather, King, Hawkins, Crook, Dymont, Hemmingway, Cowper (2), Brodie, Darby, Eastwood, Gallagahi, and 98 in the steerage.

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as the bill now stands the claim to endowment will rest upon the foundation of rates actually raised, an account showing the amount raised will have to be sent in on or before the last day of each year, and every rate made under the Act will be made for such period after the making of it as the council shall think fit. How, then, if the Act were passed by the middle of next year, and councils were formed and brought into operation by the close—and that is as much could be expected under the most favourable circumstances—could any council collect money for 1893, or acquire a right to endowment for 1893? and how could the Minister draw upon the sum appropriated for endowments? Sir GEORGE DIBBS, in his explanatory speech on the 8th instant, said, "For the year 1893 we propose that at whatever portion of the year the assessment may be made—whether on the 1st January next, should it be possible to pass the bill into law in time, or on the 31st December, 1893—there shall be a rate levied against property for that year." That is to say, while the bill provides for prospective taxation, which would practically shut out the chance of endowment for 1893, the Minister talks of retrospective taxation, which would probably shut out the chance of the bill becoming law at any time. Would country members vote for a bill to enable a municipal council to strike a rate on the 31st December which would apply to the whole of the preceding twelve months, so that the Government might recoup itself the expenditure carried on by the Department during that time from the endowment, which, by the way, would become due, not when the rate had been struck, but some time in 1894, when the money under the retrospective rate had been collected? And as to 1894, that would be a year in which the rates for two years would be collected. Surely, where the calculations for the Treasurer's financial statement are concerned, there should be less than we see here of the doubtful or speculative element. And after all, the proposed saving does not seem to be so very large. The Roads and Bridges vote for 1892 was £894,333; the sum to be appropriated for endowments is £600,000; and it is apparently intended that in some way £400,000 of this shall be expended by the Department for the first six months of the year, and be afterwards deducted from the payments of endowment. The expected saving in the establishment is some £8000 for the year.

The action of the Government in the effort to relieve the congestion at Broken Hill appears to have caused considerable umbrage in South Australia. The grant of paid passages to the unemployed miners by Mr. CREER over the railways of South Australia is described as an "unneighbourly act" in the press, while in Parliament "the conduct of New South Wales in flooding South Australia with labourers" is denounced as "disgraceful." These are strong terms, and anything like the growth of a feeling in the relations of the two colonies such as these expressions may indicate is on every ground to be deprecated. But there is an unreasonableness in such an attitude on the part of the South Australian Government and a section of the people, when all the circumstances are taken into account; and we can only hope that with a little more consideration of the peculiarities of the position, this feeling of resentment will pass away. If we were inclined to recrimination, we might say that the "unneighbourly" spirit is rather on the other side in the question. To use the language which has been already applied by the press of South Australia to the position—although in a different line of argument—"What is New South Wales, and what is South Australia? Are they not parts of one Australia?" And is it not discordant to the federal spirit which is fast growing up, to the dignity of national and patriotic sentiment, that one portion of Australia should regard another separated by a mere political line as a strange country, and the people in it as foreigners? The public mind has been surfeited with the theory of the picket, and it does not seem dignified that the spirit of picketing should show itself in the relations of two colonies, and that a cordon should be drawn around one of them, not to be passed by the residents of another on pain of being deemed guilty of an unneighbourly act.

This is on the supposition that New South Wales is flooding South Australia with labourers. But is this a fact? So far as it appears, the manager of the Labour Bureau at Broken Hill proceeds rigidly on the principle of giving no free passes unless on the assurance, of the truth of which he must be satisfied, that the recipients of the passes have the prospect of employment awaiting them. Whether that employment is in South Australia or anywhere else should not be material to the decision; and unless on the supposition that the colonies are alien countries and hostile to one another, the spirit of humanity, not to say brotherhood or patriotism, should refrain from putting barriers in the way of unemployed, and in some cases destitute, men being enabled to reach the employment that is awaiting them. Besides, as a matter of fact, many of those to whom passes have been given are on their way to Victoria or others of the colonies. It so happens that South Australia lies in the line of travel, as travelling is now done, and in such case it is a little hard that the idea should be entertained of shutting the door of exit from the scene of the late protracted and disastrous struggle of labour. The threat of the Premier of South Australia, that they might refuse to make the railways of that colony available for the purposes for which they were being used, points to a possible attitude on the part of the Government unprecedented in the history of these colonies. To create a blockade on the railways and refuse transit to people paying their own passages, would be high-handed dealing; and the unseemliness of the position is in the circumstance that all this action appears to be taken in deference to the feelings of the labour party in South Australia. The men on strike at Broken Hill were cheered to the struggle with their employers by the plaudits of the unionists of all the colonies, those of South Australia included; and now, when they have fallen in the fight, it is supposed to be in the interest, and at least in accordance with the wishes, of organised labour in South Australia that the defeated strikers should be refused admission into that province because of the disturbance that their intrusion might cause in the labour market.

It would be unfair to class the whole of the people of South Australia as among those who manifest this "unneighbourly" feeling towards a sister-colony, and unsympathetic attitude towards the unemployed at Broken Hill. On the contrary, there are movements afoot in the direction of relieving the sufferings of the unemployed at the Barrier that are creditable to the humanity of South Australia. But when we see the presumed representatives of the public opinion of the province regarding this matter in an uncompromising business light, we are justified in meeting them on their own lines. It is true that the Barrier district is politically in New South Wales, but geographically it pertains to South Australia; and the people whom South Australian politicians speak of as our unemployed are only so by a fiction, and in reality belong more to South Australia. A large proportion of them hail from that province originally as a matter of fact; and those that do not, with few exceptions, reached the mines by way of South Australia, and during the period of their residence and industrial activity there have derived their supplies mainly from South Australia. When all went well with Broken Hill the people of South Australia were happy in holding the closest relations with that mining district, regarding it practically as their own; but when troubles arose, then the district is part of New South Wales. All the administrative expenses in connection with the mining community have, of course, been borne by New South Wales, and, as was lately stated in Parliament, the troubles connected with the strike have entailed on the Treasury of this colony a solid loss of forty thousand pounds in cash. South Australia has largely got the good, and we have got the bother. There was no difficulty created about the railways of South Australia carrying up the workers to the Barrier, but now when the work of these men has ended at the mines there is difficulty over the railways of the province taking them back again; and now we have even the veiled threat that if the Labour Bureau at Broken Hill continues to give the departing strikers free passages over South Australian lines at the cost of the Government of New South Wales, a refusal may be given to the railways being used for transit of the men. We shall not make use of the term applied in the Adelaide Parliament to the action of New South Wales to describe the contemplated action of the South Australian Government in relation to the congestion at Broken Hill. But to any disinterested and reflecting observer there can be little doubt on which side the unreason is. There is not nor has there been any intention of flooding South Australia with the unemployed of Broken Hill. But surely the wishes of the men themselves as to where they should be located and their prospects or promises of work should count for something. Those of them who have gone to Broken Hill from various parts of South Australia may naturally desire to return to their former homes, where among old friends and familiar scenes they may resume the relations of former years. But whether South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, or anywhere else may be their destination, there is nothing either "unneighbourly" or "disgraceful" in giving them, at the cost of this colony, free passages over South Australian railways, on the assurance that they have the promise or the prospect of employment. The isolated position of the Barrier district and its lack of any other considerable means of employment apart from the mines, make the removal of the unemployed miners the only practical means of relief; and that South Australia should have exhibited a parochial disposition in relation to it is hardly to the credit of Australian patriotism.

The gruesome subject of "Death Certificates" has been creating a lively sensation in England, and it has resulted in bringing to light a laxity of practice in protecting human life against foul-play that is rather alarming. In this, as most things, our customs being based on English customs, the dangers lurking in the methods of giving certification of the causes of death, are likely to be as great with us as in England. It seems unfortunate that before any abuse is rectified there is a necessity that some startling illustration of its action must be brought to light; and this occasion was given in England in connection with the death of one of the victims of the murderer NEILL, whose infamous career of systematic murder and blackmail has been recently brought to an end. The girl MATILDA CLOVER had been unattended in her last illness by any medical practitioner; but a medical man who had seen her some time before gave the requisite certificate of the cause of death, of which he had no personal opportunity of knowing anything whatever. The woman was buried in due course, and it was only by accident, and through the incautious action of her poisoner himself, that the body was exhumed some considerable time after interment, and that the true state of the case came to light. The newspaper controversy to which this gave rise elicited the fact that the medical practitioner who had certified from hearsay information had done nothing extraordinary, but exactly as medical practitioners ordinarily do; and that the necessity of a medical certificate to the performance of burial simply results in a system of wholesale evasion of the objects intended by law. The evils to which this condition of things opens the door must be apparent to anyone, for though the instances in which people are foully done to death may be rare, it is obvious they may be nearly as frequent as murderers with ready wits may desire for anything that the system of registration of deaths can do to prevent them. It would be only necessary to provide that no medical attendant should visit the patient while sinking under the drug, and then to obtain the services of an entirely disinterested medical man to listen to the explanation given to him, and thereupon to give the seal of authentication to the statement—which the system of registration, it appears, in England, at least, facilitates to the utmost by the printed insertion in the official document of the expression "I am informed."

It is not perhaps always true, as in the adage, that "they do these things better in France;" but in this case it is emphatically so. There the work of notification of the causes of death is not merely perfunctory, but the duty is carried out in France under such official scrutiny as to be a real protection against a murder being cloaked by an untruthful certificate of the cause of death. In every district of Paris and of the country there is a medical expert whose duty it is to make a sufficient investigation into every case of death without any exception. He takes the evidence of the medical man who has been attending, and of others when deemed necessary, and records in the official schedules the names of relatives, friends, nurses, and others who may have been attending the deceased; while if no medical man has been in attendance on the patient prior to death the inquiry is made particularly rigid. In these cases a man practised in such investigations may speedily arrive at a definite conclusion. If not, he orders, or he personally makes, an autopsy of the body, and will rarely fail to arrive at a precise opinion on the subject. As this inquiry takes place in every case even of ordinary deaths, there is nothing invidious or suggestive of suspicion. And while in most cases there has been no necessity whatever for the inquiry, the fact of its being inevitable imposes a severe restraint on the evil inclinations of anyone who may have been contemplating foul play in the expectation of its possibly escaping detection.

The superiority of this method to the ordinary system of holding a coroner's inquiry only when suspicious or unusual circumstances have so obtruded themselves on general attention as to reach the ears of the police, is obvious. In most cases in these colonies at least, and in England too when means allow of it, a medical man *is* in attendance on any case of illness so serious as to result in death. And it may be admitted that in such cases the probability is not great that any criminal procedure would escape the notice of the medical attendant. But even in such cases a strain is put on the position of the medical man in the relations in which he stands to the friends of the patient which might influence him in the direction of shrinking from appearing officious or meddlesome in suggesting or taking action that might be interpreted as suspecting the friends of the deceased of foul-play. But it is in the case of those who have not had any medical man in attendance that the necessity for some such provision is found; and it can hardly be doubted that in such cases the ordinary British—and we may add colonial—procedure leaves a door open for the occurrence of wrong. In England, it is admitted that there are thousands of persons annually buried without certificate or inquiry of any kind; and even if there is some more stringency with us in requiring a medical certificate of the cause of death as a condition precedent to burial, there is the danger that the formal and perfunctory performance of the requirement may be fully as productive of the possibilities of danger.

A reform in this direction is not likely to become a popular demand until some glaring case occurs similar to that of MATILDA CLOVER, whose death, duly certificated as come of natural causes, constituted one of the most salient features in the series of poisonings laid to the charge of the murderer NEILL. But it can hardly be questioned that, with increased intelligence among all classes of the community, there are increased dangers in this direction, and that this involves the necessity for increased and even novel measures of precaution. The institution of an officer of the character of the *Médecin Vérificateur* of the French system would meet the requirements. And while, in the absence of some sensational disclosure showing the necessity of it, such suggestion would not be met with acceptance, it is a singular thing that in British communities—among which the sacredness of human life is more recognised perhaps than among any other people in the world—we should be still so far behind the nations of continental Europe in making provision against the concealment of murder. The position will probably be more clearly recognised if there is any general advance in popular feeling and practice towards cremation of the dead. In such case it is admittedly necessary that extraordinary precautions must be taken to have exhaustive evidence as to the causes of death before the body is consigned to a process by which every trace of poison, or any other cause of non-natural death, would be for ever obliterated. But even without such new necessity arising for inquiry into the causes of every death, the existing methods of certification of death are such that, there is no doubt, they have covered in their time multitudes of deaths that would not bear the searching light of day.

MR. HENRY LUCY writes about Henry Irving's Lear at the Lyceum in his description of Life in London and Thereabout, published in this issue. His verdict is that people will go to see it because it is a Shakesperian revival at the Lyceum. But there will be no steady rush such as has followed on earlier adventures. Irving's mannerisms are stated to be painfully exaggerated in this part. Ellen Terry's Cordelia is admired. The death and character of the Duke of Marlborough are also referred to. An important understanding is said to have been arrived at with regard to the emoluments and duties of the great law officers of the Crown. Henceforward the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General will have to content themselves with their official salaries so long as they hold their posts, and will only take private practice under certain exceptional conditions. Museum Sunday, Socialist gatherings at Trafalgar-square, and Guy Fawkes' Day celebrations are among the topics touched on.

OUR London correspondent in his "Old World Gossip published to-day describes Lord Mayor's Day, the red-letter day of the week. The "indiscretions" of Prince Bismarck are alluded to as an increasingly fruitful subject of speculation in political quarters. The great lock-out in the cotton trade in the North of England, which has been for some time anticipated, it is estimated affected altogether some 80,000 operatives.

SIR JOHN DOWNER, of South Australia, has telegraphed to the Premier as follows:—"Your representative, Mr. Creer, has given passes to a large number of unemployed at Broken Hill to enable them to come to our colony. Both his utterances, as reported, and his action in sending men here for whom we have no employment, against our wish, I consider unprecedented and most unfriendly, and I protest against your colony so acting towards us." To this message Sir GEORGE DIBBS yesterday forwarded the following reply:—"This Government is not taking any unfriendly action with regard to your colony in assisting men to obtain employment wherever practicable. We are not unmindful that a large number of the men now working at Broken Hill, in the place of the miners on strike, came from your colony, and I must again remind you of the vast benefits which have accrued and are daily accruing to your people from the mines of this colony. Under these circumstances, I regret that you should think fit to offer your protest upon the generosity of this Government to men who, despite their folly in striking, are yet entitled to live."

A MEETING of the Executive Council will be held to-day, to be presided over by his Excellency the Governor. The business which will come before the Council will be of a routine character.

WE understand from the Premier that it has been definitely decided that Professor Anderson Stuart shall be appointed in the place of Dr. Manning as Medical Adviser to the Government.

SIR HENRY PARKES left for Melbourne last night by the express train. Sir Henry goes for the purpose of taking part in a freetrade meeting to be held in celebration of the election of President Cleveland in the United States.

AS the Christmas season draws near the passenger lists of the intercolonial steamers grow correspondingly longer. The same also may be said of the coastal vessels, and generally of what is known as the colonial steam passenger business. At Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Company's Wharf yesterday, on the occasion of the departure of the Burrumbeet for Melbourne there was no end of bustle and stir. The wharfs of the Union Company were also packed with people when the Rotomahana left for Wellington. Both steamers were crowded, and chiefly by excursionists. The companies this year have made such reductions in the cost of travelling that many who would not on the score of expense have entertained the idea of taking an overseas trip, are attracted. This was particularly noticeable yesterday when the two steamers mentioned took their departure. A new feature presented itself in connection with the New Zealand-bound steamer. Cart-loads of mails were carried alongside the Rotomahana and taken on board, and, on inquiry it was ascertained that the English correspondence for North Island ports of New Zealand has become a heavy item since the subsidy by the direct steamers was withdrawn. Most of the New Zealand mails are now sent via Suez instead of by way of the Cape of Good Hope and Hobart.

SINCE the incorporation of the Diseases in Meat Act numbers of animals have been condemned at Flemington, but the Board of Health has now determined to take action against the owners. Two cases were heard at the Central Police Court yesterday morning before Mr. Giles. The first charge was against W. F. Buchanan for having consigned from his station, Killarney, meat for the purpose of sale for food the animals being diseased. Mr. Buchanan pleaded guilty, and a fine, which, with costs, amounted to £3 10s 8d, was imposed. The second case was against J. F. Croaker, manager of the Wallahlow Estate Company. Mr. Croaker did not appear, and, as it was shown in this case that the animal was very badly diseased, the magistrate inflicted a fine which, with costs, amounted to £13 17s 2d. The secretary of the Board of Health informed the magistrate that the board had determined to proceed against all persons in cases where the disease on the animals was distinctly apparent.

THE final sittings of the Supreme Court for the present year came to a conclusion yesterday, and considering the formidable list with which each of the three Courts opened, very few remanets have gone over to next year. In the No. 2 Court the case of Henderson v. J. H. Geddes and Co. was concluded, and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for £330 over and above the amount paid into court. As the business in No. 1 Court was confined to two small matters, the Chief Justice took some Chamber applications in the afternoon, and decided the important case of Maloney v. Proudfoot and another, in which the defendants sought to make absolute a rule nisi to set aside the decision of a stipendiary magistrate directing them to pay certain wages due to plaintiff by a firm of sub-contractors. It appears that John Maloney, a labourer, was working on the railway extension between Burwood and Marrickville, and defendants let portion of the contract to Messrs. Cashman and Ryan as sub-contractors, and Maloney and other men were employed on this sub-contract. The contractors, however, subsequently cancelled Cashman and Ryan's sub-contract, as it was not being carried out to their satisfaction, and it was said that Messrs. Proudfoot and Fletcher not only paid the workmen's wages, but £196 in excess of the amount really due on the sub-contract. Maloney and other men claimed that certain back wages had not been paid, but for this the contractors denied that they were responsible. The Bench, however, made an order for the payment of wages to Maloney, and as there are other claims pending defendants appealed. After hearing argument his Honor refused the prohibition with costs, he being of opinion that he was bound by the decision of the Full Court some years ago in Ex parte Monie, when the late Sir James Martin was Chief Justice. An epitome of the arguments, which are interesting, will be found in our law report.

IN addition to disposing of a long list of formal matters yesterday in Divorce, Mr. Justice Windeyer made absolute for dissolution of marriage the decrees nisi in Norris v. Norris and Farah v. Farah.

THE case Borough of Rockdale v. Henry Macnamara was further proceeded with in the Central Police Court, before Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., yesterday afternoon. This is an action by the council to prevent the defendant carrying on a trade deemed to be a nuisance. Mr. Gannon appeared for the complainant body, and Mr. T. M. Williamson appeared for the defence. The magistrate intimated that he had visited the slaughter-house and boiling-down establishment in Darley-street, and asked the attorneys whether they were willing to leave the matter in his hands. Mr. Gannon said that as far as he was concerned he would not call evidence, but would accept the decision of the magistrate, and this course, he thought, would save a considerable amount of time. Mr. Williamson, however, said that as his client was not represented at the inspection he intended to call a number of witnesses to prove that the establishment was not a nuisance. The whole of the afternoon was occupied in taking evidence for the defence, and the further hearing of the case was postponed until Monday.

AN application was made yesterday by Mr. Lewis Levy, the manager of the New South Wales Monte de Piété Company, to Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., at the Central Police Court, for a renewal of a pawnbrokers' license. The application was objected to by the police and Sub-inspector Potter. Sergeant Mulqueeny and other police officers gave evidence regarding the difficulty experienced in obtaining stolen property. After hearing the objections, the renewal was granted, on condition that every assistance was afforded to the police in tracing property reported as stolen.

JOHN WILSON BENNETT, late manager of the Paddington Branch of the English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank, was brought up in custody yesterday at the Water Police Court before Mr. Smithers, D.S.M., and committed for trial on three charges, namely, embezzling the sum of £1135 9s, and forging warrants and orders for the payment of the sums of £735 10s and £220 respectively. On a fourth charge, namely, of embezzling the sum of £1231, the accused was remanded until Monday, when the question of bail will be considered. During the proceedings yesterday Sergeant Blackburn deposed to an important statement made by the accused to him on the morning on which he surrendered himself to the police.

THE Paddington Council held a meeting on Thursday evening to consider the District Government Bill. On the motion of Alderman W. Brown, seconded by Alderman D. Brown, it was resolved.—"That in the opinion of this council the mayor should be elected by the ratepayers, the candidate to have served two years as an alderman," and it was ordered that the resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Association for consideration. It was also resolved to lay before the association the case of Lucas versus the Borough of Paddington, where the decision rules that all arrears of rates, irrespective of amount, must be sued for in the Supreme Court, the association to be urged to endeavour to have an amended bill passed through Parliament allowing of such rates being sued for in the lower courts, as the cost of a suit in the Supreme Court for a small amount would be excessive and be a heavy tax on the losing party. The difficulty arises out of the construction put on clause 5 of the Municipalities Act Amendment Act recently passed.

ALDERMAN THORPE, of Parramatta, has, in answer to a largely-signed petition asking for a special audit of the municipal books, received a communication from the Colonial Secretary announcing that, in compliance with the petition, Messrs. Gowland and S. H. Jones have been appointed special auditors, and that these gentlemen will not commence their functions until required to do so by 50 electors of the municipality, or by any creditor or creditors of the same. Alderman Thorpe, acting upon this, has had a formal petition prepared and signed by over 70 ratepayers. This has been forwarded to the Colonial Secretary.

A PLEASING ceremony took place at the Superior Public School, Ashfield, on Wednesday last, subsequent to the breaking-up of the school for the Christmas vacation, when, in the presence of the members of the school board and many ladies and gentlemen, the first prize for general proficiency for the year—a handsome silver medal—was awarded to Master Austin P. Downey. The medal which was mounted with gold, very beautifully chased and suitably engraved, was the gift of the secretary of the local school board, Mr. Thomas Glasscop.

A SALE of work in aid of the Echo Farm Home for Male Inebriates, was opened in Trafalgar House, Princes-street, yesterday. There are useful and ornamental articles for sale, the majority of them having been made by the members of the home. Echo Farm is situated in Middle Harbour, surrounded by delightful scenery, and the house was 60 years ago the seaside residence of one of the judges of this colony. The home is kept afloat by the private charity of a few persons interested in temperance reform. Its proceedings are regulated by a committee consisting of 30 ladies, who are unpaying in their labours. Mr. Courtenay Smith, the canmen's missionary, and the projector of the institution, is the honorary managing director, and Mr. C. Brownrigg, and Mr. John S. Shearston, of the Royal Naval House, are the co-trustees. The home is under the personal superintendence of Mr. and Mrs. Allan R. Chambers. The home was opened six months ago by the Rev. F. B. Boyce, then president of the Local Option League, and it has been very successful in its operations ever since. At the present time there are eight inmates of the home, and since it was opened 18 persons have passed through the institution. Of this number one-third are considered reformed characters. The inmates employ their time in carpentering and in gardening, and sufficient vegetables are grown at the farm to supply the home. The expenses of keeping the establishment going amount to only £6 a week.

ON Thursday evening the Pitt-street Congregational Literary and Social Union held a banquet as a finale to its half-yearly sessions, during which it had discussed Browning, Carlyle, Ruskin, Sir Edwin Arnold, Coleridge, and others. The room was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns, &c., and several toasts were proposed and responded to with musical honours, and some songs enlivened the proceedings of the evening.

"PALING'S Christmas Annual," which is now before us, furnishes 15 vocal numbers, largely sentimental, but with a well-judged infusion of serio-comic ditties. "Love's Sorrow," "Tell Him I Love Him So," "Only a Homeless Wandering Child," and the vocal duet, "What are the Wild Waves Saying?" may be numbered amongst the popular favourites of the first-named section; and "They're After Me" and "He Did it So Politely" fairly represent the second. Two attractive waltzes, with chorus, are also included in the Christmas Annual, which is brightly designed and clearly printed.

THE rise and progress of art pottery may be neatly gauged from an inspection of the contents of some of the rooms at No. 393 George-street, the branch premises of Messrs. Holdsworth, Macpherson, and Co. Of the famous Doulton ware there is a large assortment, not only in the variety of the articles, but more especially in the designs. Apart from an interesting collection of vases, is to be seen a fanciful figure standing about 12in. high, which, if placed in front of a mirror, as intended, shows at one and the same time the characteristic and familiar forms of Marguerite and Mephistopheles. Looking upon the statuette, one personage is observed, and, viewing the glass, the other character meets the eye. The modelling has been skilfully executed, and the object is, altogether, a clever piece of work. In the same ware are sets and stands for tea and coffee mounted in Dixon's silver plate, in a combination quite new to Australia. Messrs. Doulton, some time ago, engaged Mr. Louis Bilton, a floral artist of some note, to visit Australia to paint, for the purpose of transfer to goods for this country, specimens of our indigenous flora. A sample of that work may be seen in the Art Gallery. The local firm already mentioned has secured the patterns painted by Mr. Bilton when here, namely the native rose, Christmas bush, flannel flower, and that pretty runner Kynedia. Marqueterie ware is receiving some special attention. It has an appearance akin to agate, and the veins, so to speak, penetrate the whole of the substance. Being set off with hand-painted medallions, and not being of too dark a tint, it is commanding its share of notice. Roman ewers and ancient fonts are copied from the originals in various museums, in ivory ware. Naturally, there is no lack of Minton, Derby, Dresden, Coalport, and Worcester china. In the matter of glass, the "Arcadia" table decorations, which are capable of being converted into many designs, afford a pleasing novelty.

MR. W. J. WILSON, whose collection of original oil and water-colour paintings was favourably reviewed in these columns last September, is now exhibiting his works in the Imperial Arcade. An art union has been formed with the Hons. Combes, Creed, Sutter, and Greville, M.L.C., as trustees, to dispose of the works, which comprise 40 paintings, as prizes. Already more than one-fourth of the 210 subscribers have come forward, so that those who take an interest in art and wish to obtain a souvenir of one of the oldest and best-known colonial painters will, it is hoped, shortly complete the full list.

MR. JAMES BROCKHOUSE PRESTON, a resident of Petersham, has received the following communication from the Parisian Academy of Inventions:—"Sir,—We beg to inform you that the academy has conferred upon you the title of Honorary Member (Membre d'Honneur), with award of the first-class diploma and the great gold medal." Mr. Preston some time ago invented and patented a spoke machine, and has obtained the above distinction for it.

A LITTLE boy named John Grieves, aged three years, died in the Balmain Cottage Hospital yesterday from the effects of burns. It appears that on Thursday afternoon the deceased and another lad named Frederick Sparkes were playing near the residence of Grieves's parents, in Sardinia-lane, off Cove-street, Balmain. They had some matches, and set fire to their own clothes. The screams of the children attracted the attention of Mrs. Sparkes, who ran out and extinguished the flames with a blanket. Both boys were much burned about the bodies, and Grieves died as already stated.

YESTERDAY Mr. W. T. Pinbey, the City Deputy Coroner, held a magisterial inquiry at the Cottage Hospital, North Sydney, relative to the death of a boy, Robert Crittle, 12 years of age. Crittle, with two other boys and a girl, was bathing at Folly Point, Middle Harbour. Deceased suddenly got out of his depth and sank. The body was recovered three hours later, and was conveyed to the morgue at the North Sydney Cottage Hospital. A finding of accidental drowning was recorded.

THE inquest into the cause of the death of the child whose body was found in the yard at 109 George-street, Redfern, the house in which the Makins lived in June last, was concluded last evening. The testimony that was given on the previous day as to Mary Alice Stacey's child having been placed in charge of the Makins was confirmed by several witnesses, including Clarice Makin, who swore that when her parents left the house in George-street for Barren-street, Macdonaldtown, they took with them no less than six babies, but she denied that Miss Stacey's child was among the number. The medical evidence entirely failed to disclose the cause of death, but the two doctors who had examined the body were positive that it was that of a girl over a fortnight old. At the conclusion of the evidence the Coroner directed the jury that there was no evidence of identification, and nothing to show the cause of death; but, in spite of this, the jurymen retired for an hour, and then announced that they were unable to agree. The Coroner then said that as there was absolutely no evidence as to the cause of death their duty was very simple. They then returned an open verdict, but expressed the opinion that there were circumstances of grave suspicion against John, Sarah, and Blanche Makin. During the adjournment hour a painful scene occurred in which the four Makins who are in custody took part. Blanche Makin, the eldest daughter, upbraided her father for getting them into trouble, and said that if it had not been for a certain person putting him up to it, they would not be situated as they are. This annoyed Makin very much, and amid the moans of his wife, and sobs of Florence Makin, he made as if to strike Blanche, but the police pacified him. On Monday morning an inquest on another of the bodies will be held.

THE evidence given by Mrs. Ralph at the inquest on the remains of a child discovered at 109 George-street, Redfern, the residence of the witness, that during a conversation she had had with Mrs. Makin she was asked whether the constables had taken up the floor of the house, has caused the police to believe that more bodies may possibly be concealed there. To test whether there is any truth in the supposition, it is probable that within the next few days Senior-constable Joyce will pull up the flooring boards of the house and thoroughly examine the ground underneath.

AN infant about seven days old was found this morning under a balcony in Victoria-street, Darlinghurst. The child was taken to the Benevolent Asylum.

WE have received from the Citizens' Life Assurance Company, Limited, and the New Zealand Fire and Marine Insurance Company new calendars for 1893.

AN ordination service will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral on to-morrow morning. At the afternoon service selections from the "Messiah" will be rendered.

A LECTURE on "Mrs. Besant's Pilgrimage to Theosophy" is announced to be delivered by Rev. George Walters.

UNDER the auspices of the Aborigines' Protection Association a service is to be held to-morrow afternoon in the Burwood Congregational Church.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE PANANA INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

The French Chamber of Deputies, by a majority of six votes, has refused judicial powers to the Panama Inquiry Committee now sitting.

LATER.

In the debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the question of granting judicial powers to the Panama Inquiry Committee, M. Ribot (the Premier) and M. Bourgeois (Minister of Justice) professed their desire to loyally assist the committee, but considered that the powers desired by the committee would endanger the safety of the Republic. A deep-laid scheme existed to launch a torrent of mud on the Republic under a pretext of exposing individual misdoings.

M. Brisson contended that the committee ought to be armed with peculiar powers.

The debate resolved itself into a struggle between M. Ribot and M. Brisson. The former carried the Chamber at first, but his influence waned, and many stormy scenes occurred.

M. Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the *Times*, does not think that the Cabinet will resign, but it is possible that the Committee of Inquiry may resign.

The Government intends to prosecute the directors of the Panama Canal Company criminally, as well as the Deputies proved to have accepted bribes.

DISPUTED ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

After the decision of the Court in the case of the petition against Mr. Fullam's return for South Meath, unseating him on the ground of clerical influence, Mr. Michael Davitt, who was elected as Nationalist M.P. for North Meath, was unwilling to contest the petition also lodged against his return. Mr. Davitt would have preferred a lecturing tour in Australia. The Court has, however, decided that it must hear the evidence.

Dec. 16.

From the evidence brought forward in connection with the hearing of the North Meath petition, it appeared that Bishop Nulty's pastoral was claimed to be divinely inspired. It declared that it was impossible that a Parnellite could be a Roman Catholic.

ANARCHISTS IN SPAIN.

DYNAMITE BOMBS IN CADIZ.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

The anarchists are again showing activity in Cadis, Spain, where eight dynamite bombs have been discovered.

FREE LABOUR SOCIETY.

INDICTMENT OF THE NEW UNIONISM.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The Free Labour Society has issued a powerful manifesto, in which it declares that the unemployed are solely the result of the leaders of the New Unionism having recklessly ordered strikes.

FREEMASONRY.

THE POPE'S DENUNCIATION.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Pope Leo XIII. declares that freemasonry is a Satanic institution, and aims at replacing Christianity by naturalism.

A FATAL EXPLOSION.

ACCIDENT ON AN ORIENT STEAMER.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

An explosion has taken place in one of the bunkers of an Orient steamer, at the Tilbury Docks, by which one person was killed.

THE "MISSING WORD" COMPETITIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

It has been held, as the result of a test case brought by the police authorities, that the "missing word" competitions, instituted by some London weekly papers, came within the provisions of the Lotteries Act. Acting upon this decision, the Post Office officials have impounded £30,000 sent through the post in connection with the "missing word" puzzles.

SUIT FOR JUDICIAL SEPARATION.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

Madame Benitez swore, in the course of evidence in the Abdy suit, that she had never seen Sir William or Lady Abdy before to-day. The petition for the judicial separation was dismissed.

AUSTRALIAN WINES.

THE SYSTEM OF LEVURES.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Mr. Payne, a colleague of Mr. Budden, the specialist in wine-making, who is about to visit Australia at the invitation of Mr. G. F. Morris, of the Fairfield Vineyard, Victoria, will sail for Melbourne in the M. M. steamer Polynésien. Mr. Payne will take with him a quantity of "levures," or artificial cultivations of bacteria, for the fermentation and improvement of wines, sufficient for the treatment of 300,000 gallons. Great success has attended the use of these ferments in Algeria and California under Mr. Budden's system.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF THE SYDNEY MAIL.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

AUSTRALIAN BORROWING.

BALANCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILLS WITHDRAWN.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The Tasmanian Treasury bills have all been satisfactorily placed.

The balance of the Treasury bills offered by the London and Westminster Bank on behalf of New South Wales has been withdrawn.

Bankers state that the public is sick of Treasury bills.

Large sales of Victorian stock are being made, sellers hoping to buy up again at lower prices.

Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie, and Co., bankers, 67 Lombard-street, offer to float a million 3½ per cents of South Australia in January at a minimum of 93.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES FUNDED STOCK.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

The *Daily News* states that trustees are readily absorbing the New South Wales 4 per cent. Funded Stock issued in the colony.

MAIL SERVICE TO GERMAN NEW GUINEA.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

A bill for the subsidising of a German mail service to New Guinea to the extent of £12,000 yearly, instead of the subsidy for the service to Samoa, has been introduced in the Reichstag.

THE SILVER CONFERENCE.

AN ANGRY DISCUSSION.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

The committee appointed by the Monetary Conference has informed the conference that it would be inexpedient to submit a scheme embodying the proposals discussed.

The American and several other delegates angrily attacked the British delegates for their opposition.

THE WEATHER.

A HEAVY THUNDERSTORM.

About 11 o'clock last night a sharp thunderstorm occurred. Earlier in the evening heavy banks of cloud appeared in the S.W. The air was cool, almost cold, and as nothing of a thunderstorm character had been reported to the southward by wire, it was scarcely expected that the storm would be severe. Occasional flashes of lightning preceded the downpour, at times vivid, but with distant thunder. At 11 o'clock the rain became heavy, and for nearly half an hour continued to fall copiously. The streets, as usual, were converted into running streams in the lower levels of the city; but, so far as could be ascertained, no damage of consequence was done. Less than half an inch had fallen up to midnight. Reports were received, however, from some of the suburbs that a tremendous heavy fall of rain accompanied the storm. The lightning was also very severe. Flash on flash of streak-lightning following in rapid succession and loud peals of thunder. At Marrickville all the low-lying lands were quickly submerged. The tram lines were under water in some parts, and traffic interfered with. There was little wind, the force not exceeding 15 miles an hour; but both at Tempe and St. Peters some damage has been done to property. One estimate of the damage puts it between £5000 and £6000. So far as could be ascertained from the various police stations up to 2 o'clock this morning no accident was reported, though it is quite possible that to-day personal injuries have taken place in the districts most seriously affected by the outburst.

THE INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET MATCH.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA V. NEW SOUTH WALES.

[BY TELEGRAPH.] (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ADELAIDE, Friday.

The intercolonial cricket match between N.S.W. and South Australia was begun on the Adelaide Oval to-day in pleasant warm weather. There were about 2000 people present, including the Earl of Kintore and suite. Camphin was left out of the Sydney team. Moses winning the toss, sent his side in on a perfect wicket. A disastrous start was made, as Jones lifted Giffen's third ball fairly into the hands of Reedman, who is the safest fieldsman in South Australia. Bannerman was joined by Moses, and these two soon settled down. The erratic fast deliveries of Jones enabled them to score several fours, and a long partnership seemed to have begun, when Bannerman, in trying to block a yorker, only managed to snick it into the slip's hands. Two for 39. Gregory, next man, foolishly ran himself out, and the discouraging total of 48 for three wickets appeared. Donnan, who then joined his captain, opened very gingerly. When only four he had a narrow escape from being caught by Giffen off his own bowling. He soon settled down, however, and with Moses well set and scoring slowly but surely, the total was increased steadily. Jones, Noaght, Fred. Jarvis, Lyons, and Purkis were all tried with the ball, but Purkis was the only one who troubled the batsmen. Moses especially seemed troubled, and when he had made 62 he gave Blinman a chance which was too high for a player of such small dimensions to hold. Donnan had reached the same total when Jarvis should have stumped him easily off Purkis. Donnan was a yard out of the crease, but Jarvis lost the ball ere he whipped off the bails. In the next over Blinman at mid-off missed Don

QUEENSLAND.

[By Telegraph.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BRISBANE, FRIDAY.

The sugar-crushing is finished at Mackay. The total output for the season is estimated at 15,000 tons.

The Premier and party arrived at Cooktown in the Lucinda to-day.

THURSDAY ISLAND, FRIDAY.

The Guthrie arrived yesterday from Hongkong and sailed south during the afternoon.

The latest reports from the fish ground state that the majority of the boats are doing very well.

The steamer Albatross and a lugger are now out searching for the uncharted rock which is reported to existin the steamer highway about eight miles from Proudfoot Shoal lighthouse. The rock is said to have only 16ft. of water.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

[By Telegraph.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

THE PARLIAMENT.

ADELAIDE, FRIDAY.

The House of Assembly met at 11 this morning. A number of graceful tributes were paid to the memory of the late Hon. G. W. Cotton, M.L.C., the author of the working men's blocks system, who died the previous night. The Chief Secretary notified that the tender of the *Advertiser* for reporting and printing *Hansard* in minion type at an estimated cost of £2250 per annum would be accepted. The Assembly disagreed with the Council's amendments in the Succession Duties Bill, and passed the Friendly Societies Bill. The Travelling Stock Reserves Bill was shelved. The amendment to Mr. Hack's motion in regard to the Lake Bonney irrigation scheme requiring the Government to procure information about the irrigation works was carried. Mr. Parsons moved a motion to the effect that the Government establish an experimental plantation in the Northern Territory, and employ exolie labour. The motion was negatived on the voices. Mr. Hancock moved for the construction of a railway between Hergott Springs and Gwydir's Lagoon. After discussion he withdrew the motion. Mr. Holder moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Morgan and Naokara Vermin Fencing Act, but an amendment by Mr. White was carried referring the vermin question to a Royal Commission. The Premier laid on the table the papers relating to the late special wheat rates in Victoria, and moved that they be printed. Mr. Kingston seized the opportunity to vindicate his honour which was impugned by a select committee of the Council in reference to his action while Chief Secretary, it being alleged that he had prevented notice of the concessions being gazetted.

DEATH OF THE HON. G. W. COTTON.

ADELAIDE, FRIDAY.

The Hon. G. W. Cotton, M.L.C., died at his residence, Parkside, early this morning, from failure of the heart's action, at the age of 71. He arrived in the colony in 1849. He had been a member of the Legislative Council for about six years, and was known as the father of the working men's blocks system.

The Trades and Labour Council adjourned this evening as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Hon. G. W. Cotton. Several members, including the president, spoke, and all referred feelingly to the great loss the working classes of South Australia had sustained in the decease of the hon. gentleman.

ADELAIDE, FRIDAY.

At the Port Adelaide Police Court this morning a man named Martin Baker pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a bag of rice valued at 10s, the property of Robert Harper and Co. He was sent to gaol for four months with hard labour. On the prisoner was found an order signed in the presence of Joseph Creer, superintendent of the Government Labour Bureau, Broken Hill, dated the 13th December, agreeing that in consideration of a railway pass being granted to him from Broken Hill to Adelaide he would refund the money out of his first week's wages.

TASMANIA.

[By Telegraph.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

HOBART, FRIDAY.

Parliament was adjourned to-night till the 23rd, with the view of prorogation in the meantime.

LAUNCESTON, FRIDAY.

Messrs. T. M. Fisher and R. Carter have been re-elected master wardens of the Hobart and Launceston Marine Boards respectively.

The rains have saved the crops throughout the southern districts, which were suffering severely through the drought. Grass is very abundant. The crops promise well, but rust is appearing on the north-west coast.

NEW ZEALAND.

[By Telegraph.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

THE NEW CABLE RATES.

AUCKLAND, FRIDAY.

The Postmaster-General states that he has now definitely fixed the new cable rates to come into operation on 1st January.

THE BROKEN HILL UNEMPLOYED.

[By Telegraph.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

BROKEN HILL, FRIDAY.

Mr. Creer sent away 53 more unemployed to South Australia by to-night's express. Up to date he has despatched a little over 300.

ADELAIDE, FRIDAY.

A number of the unemployed at New South Wales are making their way into the country districts and the city by means of the free passes issued by Mr. Creer. The train which arrived this morning from Broken Hill brought to various places along the line some 45 men who were unemployed at the Barrier. Those who have "got no work to do." A reporter had a chat with one of these men this morning. The following is an outline of the conversation:—

"There are a large number of unemployed still at the Hill," said the man, "though many have left, and are making their way principally into South Australia."

"Of course you have been supplied with free passes on the railways by Mr. Creer?" "Oh, yes, we all have those."

"And to where will these passes take you?"

"Anywhere in South Australia to which a man may wish to go."

"But not through South Australia to another colony?" "Oh, no."

"And what application is necessary to Mr. Creer in order to get a free pass?" "Oh, all that is necessary is to go to him and say you are out of work and want to leave Broken Hill."

"And what prospect of work have you in coming to South Australia?" "Well, it can't be worse than at Broken Hill, and of course we come in the hope of it being better. Very few have anything definite to come to."

The head of one of the large labour offices said this morning that it was useless for men to come over from Broken Hill to Adelaide, the market being over-supplied locally. There are still large numbers of men anxious to leave Broken Hill, except for harvesting, there seems to be little demand for their services, and of men for this work plenty there are offering themselves who have never been to the Hill at all. A few who have friends in Melbourne and Sydney are the least unfortunate, and even these can hardly expect a warm welcome.

THE MUDGEE RAILWAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A meeting of residents in the Bringelly district was held at Mr. Mokkelson's on Wednesday, and the following resolutions unanimously passed:—"That it is desirable to hold meetings and agitate for the construction of the Liverpool, Mulgoa, and Penrith Railway." "That a committee be appointed to arrange meetings along the route and bring under the notice of the Government the rapid growth of settlement and the urgent need for direct communication, by rail, with Sydney." "That the members for the district be asked to cooperate." The following gentlemen were appointed to act on the committee:—Messrs. Watson, Cordon, Lee, Palmer, Richmond, M'Intosh, Stanfield, Jackson, Pearce, M'Phee, Richardson, Gibson, Heath, and Walker. Mr. Walker was appointed secretary pro tem.

HEADACHES CURED.—BISHOP'S GRANULAR EFFERVESCENT CURATE OF CAFFEINE is now recognised by the Medical Profession as the safest and surest remedy for sick and other Headaches. Be sure you get Bishop's, the original discoverer. Of all Chemists in the colonies. Alfred Bishop and Sons, 49, Spelman-street, London, England. May be obtained of Elliott Bros., Baldwin and Co., &c.—[Advt.]

THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

THE MINISTRY.

The effect of the motion of censure has been to suspend all work in the Government offices so far as new projects are concerned. No new business will be initiated until the censure matter has been settled. Ministers yesterday were busy finishing up work which had been in progress for some time. No deputations were received, those which were to have waited upon the Colonial Secretary being adjourned. Ministers, as a rule, even declined to see the usual callers, only those whose business was urgent being admitted; but, as a matter of fact, there were very few members of Parliament about the Government offices yesterday.

Generally, Ministers were reticent. Mr. Barton states that he does not "count noses" in the House, and does not profess to know anything about "Government majorities." The only thing that he feels sure about is that the Government will have a majority in its favour. In the opinion of the Attorney-General the whole affair is a "waste of time." Monthly supply bills, he says, are bad enough; but monthly motions of censure are even worse, and the sooner the matter is disposed of the better it will be, in Mr. Barton's opinion, for all concerned.

Mr. Lyne was unable to see any fresh phase in events. He stated, however, that yesterday morning he read with a great deal of surprise a statement which was made by Mr. M'Millan to a *Herald* reporter, that "he feared very much, when everything came to be inspected, the mismanagement and disorganisation of our Public Works Department would be something too disgraceful to realise." Such an expression, coming from Mr. M'Millan, was one which Mr. Lyne did not intend to allow to go unnoticed. Mr. Lyne says he intends to give Mr. M'Millan an opportunity of stating where the mismanagement exists. If there is one thing which Mr. Lyne takes a pride in in connection with his department it is, he insists, in keeping the gross expenditure within the Estimates voted, and not calling upon the year 1893 to take upon itself £200,000 worth of appropriation for 1892, for which no provision has been made, as he had himself to do at the commencement of the year, which swelled his estimates of expenditure unduly. Excepting under a few cases of great emergency, such as the legacy to complete the Sobraon, Mr. Lyne asserts that he has kept his department well within the total votes of Parliament. Further on in the interview Mr. M'Millan states: "Either purposely or through mismanagement, every possible vote has been extended far beyond its original dimensions." That assertion is, Mr. Lyne states, a simple absurdity when he says that the total expenditure of the department comes within the total vote of Parliament.

Other Ministers who were seen yesterday stated that there was nothing new concerning themselves in the situation. A Cabinet meeting was held yesterday afternoon, but Sir George Dibbs stated that the business transacted was of no public importance. It is understood that Ministers discussed the situation amongst themselves, but that no determination of any moment was arrived at.

Among Government supporters generally there is a growing feeling that the debate will have to be extended over the holidays. Indeed, it is thought that this would be in favour of the Government, as, in the interval matters might cool down somewhat. Opposition members on the other hand urge a speedy settlement of the question.

Many members are anxiously discussing the situation. What it is desired to know is whether there is likely to be a dissolution. Ministers, of course, will not say a word on the subject. The general opinion is that Sir George Dibbs would not feel inclined to face the country with a deficit, but would, if he is beaten, or if his majority is too small to carry on, quietly hand over the reins of office to his successors. But then, against this it is pointed out that one never knows what "new departure" Sir George may take; and there is, furthermore, a feeling that the Government will not leave office until it is obliged to. It is recognised on all hands that the time is inopportune for a political crisis, but the crisis has come, and it is certain to be fought out in real earnest.

VIEWS OF THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

The leader of the Opposition was waited upon yesterday by a representative of this journal, who was desirous of getting the views of Mr. Reid in relation to the political situation. In response to the inquiry "What are the chances of the Opposition succeeding?" Mr. Reid said that when he was elected, rather more than a year ago, to the position of leader of the Opposition, he felt that he came into that position under very great disadvantages, principally because he had not been acting closely with the late Government or their followers. However, he steadily set himself to the endeavour to bring about a consolidation of the party, and he was glad to be able to say that his desire had been fully reciprocated on all sides. The meeting of the Opposition held on Thursday afternoon was remarkable for the earnest and enthusiastic spirit which animated everyone. It seemed to him that there never was a political force in this country, formed on more solid lines than was the Opposition. The position of the Opposition was that of most determined antagonism to the present Government. Hitherto the Opposition had been tolerant, feeling that the slightest prospect of legislation should stay their hands; but after month, however, the prospect of any such legislation from the present Government had weakened. The most pressing and simple measures had been kept back; the larger measures had been mismanaged, and the most careless observer might have predicted had come to pass. Owing entirely to the conduct of Ministers Parliament now found itself listening to a Financial Statement at Christmas time. If they forgot for a moment the barges on the Murray they remembered that there was not in the statement even the slightest glimmering of a statesman-like policy. The conduct of the Treasurer in delaying his statement and postponing it from time to time could only be accounted for by the reluctance which a man had to proclaim himself a failure. Much as he respected Mr. See, he had no hesitation in saying that a man who occupied the position of Colonial Treasurer of New South Wales, who in that position allowed our finances to degenerate this—that the Ministers had brought public affairs to such a pass that the re-united Opposition would incur a serious responsibility if it did not follow up this attack by measures which would, he was afraid, make that delay in useful legislation referred to by Mr. Slattery an absolute certainty. Should the result of the division show that the House was so demoralised that it would not deal with the Government as they deserved, it would become a serious question for the Opposition to consider whether they would allow public affairs to be conducted any longer in flagrant defiance of the opinions and wishes of a large majority of the electors of the country. And those who speculated upon saving themselves by saving the Government might find very soon that it would have been infinitely better if they had done their duty to the public by destroying the Government. That suggested to his mind payment of members. There never was a time when those who believed in payment of members would have a better opportunity for showing what the system led to. In past days when there was no such payment our Parliament was distinguished for its independence. In those days Ministers could not resign for anything about penal dissolutions. In those days Ministers were not so confident as to the result of divisions. There was a widespread feeling out of doors that the independence of the House now was not quite so clear as it was before that there were members "who wished to strike but were afraid to die." It now depended upon the Assembly to show, as he believed it would, that there was just as much independence and patriotism in its ranks as the greatest advocates of the system of payment could claim. Of course the usual whispers were circulated as to an understanding that Sir George Dibbs had up his sleeve the power to dissolve Parliament, but it was well known to those behind the scenes that that was absolutely without foundation. The fact was that Ministers could not have the audacity even to advise the Governor to take such a course, because they had made his Excellency acquainted with the fact that under the administration of affairs he had been reduced to desperate straits, and they had no remedy to propose. In that political condition of affairs his Excellency could have only one course, and that was to dismiss the men who had created the mischief and did not profess to be able to cope with it. The defeat of the present Ministry would practically cause no delay, because the new Ministers could be elected and be prepared to meet the House immediately after the Christmas holidays. It was impossible to conceive of any but a Ministry which could not do more practical work in two months than the present Ministry had done since they took office.

THE LABOUR PARTY.

A good deal of interest is evinced in the attitude of the labour party on the no-confidence motion, as it is felt that if they vote as a united body either for or against the motion they will give the victory to the side they go with. It is not at all likely, however, that a united labour vote will be given, as the freetrade members of the party seem to feel that they must, on a distinct issue, side with Mr. Reid while on the other hand, the protectionists say that as the issue put before them is an entirely fiscal one, they must be true to their convictions in that respect. At the same time some of these members feel very much annoyed at the action of the Government over the Broken Hill strike, and are disinclined to forgive them. Some of the more consistent members of the democratic party are desirous of using their strength to the greatest advantage, and are seriously inclined to suggest that an appeal should be made to both the Government and the Opposition, with a view of seeing which side will pledge itself to what is described as reform in the labour laws. Some members, however, feel so strongly on the fiscal question that they say they would hardly feel justified in voting against their own party on the mere promise of any party to introduce labour legislation. They do not go so far as to say that either the Opposition or the Government would make a promise with any intention of breaking it, but there is a general feeling that as the House is at present constituted it is very difficult for any party to be able to carry out its own views in their own way. A good many members of the labor party feel disinclined to do anything that might lead to a dissolution. Of course they disclaim that the fear of not getting back to the popular Chamber has anything to do with this, and point out that if the Government were ejected from office, and a dissolution ensued, the Electoral Bill and the Local Government Bill would be lost. Some of the party allege that they consider the passing of these measures very important, but, on the other hand, indeed, that they would almost go the length of keeping an unsympathetic Ministry on the Treasury benches rather than endanger or delay their becoming law. So far the party is as disunited as usual, but a meeting will probably be held to-day or Monday, and an attempt will be made to get a block vote one way or the other. How this can be accomplished is best known to the wire-pullers, but at present the party is at sixes and sevens. The Government has not given satisfaction even to the ardent protectionists, but the seriousness of the position does not appear to be fully appreciated by a number of the labour members. There is no doubt, however, that if the Treasurer's Budget will be one of the matters discussed at the meeting of the party, and yesterday morning several of the more practical members provided themselves with the Estimates and Mr. See's speech, and proceeded to analyse them, with the view of laying an unofficial report before the meeting which it is promised will be held at the same time. Mr. Murphy and other representative members of the party do not seem to know whether Ministers would be sufficient union amongst the party to enable them to say positively that the labour party would be called together with a view of seeing whether their differences can be sufficiently overcome to enable the third party in the House to act as one mass.

CHRISTMAS RAILWAY EXCURSIONS.

The Railway Commissioners have had prepared and issued a new guide for tourists. The special feature of it is that it is descriptive of places to which day trips can be made from Sydney. There are a number of capital illustrations, and the letterpress is well written.

The Railway Commissioners have completed a comprehensive programme of excursion arrangements for the coming holidays. On the various lines there will be a considerably improved service between Sydney, Bulli, Wollongong, Kiama, Moss Vale, Goulburn, Katoomba, Mount Victoria, Eskbank, Bathurst, Orange, Newcastle, Maitland, Singleton, Werris Creek, and intermediate stations. There will be a good service between Sydney and the nearer places of holiday resort, including Como, National Park, Waterfall, Richmond (the Kurrajong), Penrith (the Nepean), the Hawkesbury, Gosford, Brisbane Water, and the Hunter River (Singleton). The times of departure and return are arranged to meet, as largely as possible, the convenience of residents both in town and country; and to show the facilities afforded it may be mentioned that persons leaving Sydney by the Western special cheap excursion at 8 a.m. on the 26th or 27th instant, can pass several hours enjoying the scenery of the Blue Mountains, and return in the same train after having Katoomba at 5.33 p.m. There will also be an improved service between Newcastle and Maitland, and a special cheap excursion will leave Maitland and Newcastle on Thursday, the 22nd, for the Hawkesbury, returning the same day. Special cheap excursion tickets will be issued by several of the trains, and tickets at holiday excursion rates, available for return until 31st January, 1893, will be issued from all stations to all stations.

CREAMERY IN THE NEPEAN DISTRICT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

PENRITH, FRIDAY.

The meeting for making final arrangements for the establishment of a creamery in this district was held in the council chambers on Thursday night.

Mr. G. T. aldron was voted to the chair.

Mr. *Single* reported as to the splendid results following the establishment of a creamery at Mudgee and Cooma, the supply of the latter starting at 150 gallons per diem, but reaching 900 in a wonderfully short space of time. At Milton Mr. Single stated one farmer cleared no less than £2000 per year with 100 cows, besides extras for pigs, calves, &c.

Mr. Sykes, on behalf of the committee appointed, reported that they had got the promise to take up 443 shares from the suppliers themselves, besides 485 gallons of milk as a start for the creamery. Mr. T. Clissold had offered a piece of land at Castlereagh free if the shareholders so desired. The committee themselves had no special site to recommend. The report was adopted.

Mr. T. D. Woodriff moved, and Mr. T. D. Single seconded, "That the company be now formed and registered under the Companies Act to be called the Nepean Co-operative Dairy Company." The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Stuart proposed, "That the nominal capital of the company be £700, in £1 shares, 2s 6d on application, 2s 6d on allotment, and 1s a month for each share if required, with power to increase the capital in view of further developments." The motion was carried unanimously.

The provisional committee was then appointed. A list was then opened, and over £400 was subscribed in the room, in addition to those promised from outside, thus nearly reaching the necessary capital stipulated.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Meares (of the South Coast and Camden Co-operative Company) and his company for the trouble they had taken in the matter was then passed by acclamation.

Mr. Meares, in reply, called attention to the fact that there were English buyers operating on the Sydney market at the present time with a view of cutting down prices to an extent which would make co-operation unprofitable. He urged farmers to combine to prevent this.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a most successful meeting.

AFGHANS IN THE BOURKE DISTRICT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BOURKE, FRIDAY.

At a well-attended public meeting last night, Alderman Faithfull presiding, motions were passed, deploring the introduction of Afghans into the district, and appointing a comittee to draw up a petition for presentation to Parliament. From the statements made it appears that a body of 190 Afghans are en route for the district. There are 70 already here. An attempt was made to amend the resolutions so as to make them cover camels, but the meeting declined to accept the amendment.

COUNTRY NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

THE BROKEN HILL HOSPITAL.

BROKEN HILL, FRIDAY.

Some time ago the workers became dissatisfied with the manner in which the hospital was being conducted. At that time the governing committee was composed principally of doctors, lawyers, bankers, and tradesmen, and at the election before last Mr. Sleath and others managed to get the balance of power in the hands of the members of the A.M.A. At the last election the business people who were proposed as committeemen refused to stand, declining to be subjected to the attacks of the labour party, and the result was that the workers again had the controlling power. A special meeting of the committee was held to-night to consider the position of affairs. There was a full attendance. The treasurer stated that after paying the most pressing last month's accounts and leaving some £120 unpaid, there was just enough money in hand to pay the present month's salaries and wages. He expected about £125 to be paid in during next week, and estimated that at the end of the year the institution would be about £320 to the bad. The secretary said it was utterly impossible to get in any subscriptions before the new year, and the advisability of at once closing the hospital was discussed. Finally it was decided to make a special appeal to the Government for a few hundred pounds to carry on the institution to the end of the year. In the event of this not being acceded to within a week, the hospital is to be closed as quickly as the present cases can be got out of it.

ALBURY, FRIDAY.

The annual breaking-up for the Christmas holidays at the Public school took place yesterday. The prizes were distributed by the Mayor. A similar ceremony passed off successfully at the Albury Convent school yesterday, the Rev. R. Kennedy presiding.

ARMIDALE, FRIDAY.

The breaking up for the Christmas holidays has now begun in Armidale. A few days ago St. Patrick's College celebrated their breaking up by athletic sports and concert at night, during which Bishop Torregiani presented the prizes. Yesterday at Mr. A. Kamma's New England Grammar School the prizes were distributed prior to breakingup. The Ladies' College, the Convent, and other schools in connection with the R.C. Church, and the Public schools breakup to-morrow.

The weather is still fine but wants rain. All the crops in this district are now off, and the yield of wheat and hay is exceptionally heavy, the area cultivated this year being also considerably in excess of any previous year.

GOULBURN, FRIDAY.

Hotelkeepers and others interested in the liquor trade here have decided to resuscitate the Licensed Victuallers' Association, but to act independently of the Sydney Association. At the meeting at which this was decided to a petition against the bills introduced by Messrs. Kidd and Dangar, Privats bars as let in Sydney were undesirable, but private bars superintended and managed by the lessee were held to be a necessity for the convenience of customers. The feeling of the meeting was that prohibition could not be objected to, but that local option was a piece of humbug which would tend towards monopoly and injustice.

Speculation as to the Convent of Mercy High School celebration, the Right Rev. Dr. Lanigan said that the Government provided splendidly for schools, but the provision was all on one side—the secular and anti-Christian—for teaching without religion was not Catholic in any sense. So anti-Christian was it that any Christian school was not allowed to look for bursaries or any premiums offered by the State in the matter of education.

From several country districts it is reported that a mild form of influenza is prevalent.

GRAFTON, FRIDAY.

Mr. Oliff, entomologist from the Department of Agriculture, arrived yesterday to investigate to what extent insect life is responsible for the disorder in the sugar cane. He went down the river to-day with the local inspector of agriculture to examine the infected plantations.

At a meeting of the leading aquatic men last night, it was decided to hold a public regatta on the 24th May. Liberal prizes will be offered in the outrigger event for all-comers and the four-oar race, in order to induce Sydney competitors to enter.

ORETA, TUESDAY.

A miners' meeting was held at Page's Hall last night, Mr. J. Spinks in the chair. A letter was received from the Northern Lodge, asking permission for representatives to attend and explain the trouble at Gartlee Colliery, and discuss the situation as to the men now idle there. It was considered that trouble had arisen through allowing representatives from Wallsend to attend the meeting when there was a dispute at Wallsend Colliery, and it was decided not to allow the representatives to attend. It was carried that the association discontinue paying sustenation fees to the chief council, and that a blacklist be published with minutes of names of men who went to Summer Hill and Gartlee from other collieries. That the secretary call a meeting out of the Gartlee and Young Wallsend men be not entertained. Carried.

The Anvil Creek Colliery has worked full time for the last week, and is expected to do the same for at least a month, when large orders, which will keep the pit fully employed for a long period, are confidently expected. The Greta pit started work on Monday, but unless some fresh shipping arrives will stop at the end of the fortnight.

GUNNEDAH, FRIDAY.

The country is looking splendid, best season for many years.

KEMPSEY, FRIDAY.

Mr. Stephenson, judge for the Government National prizes, is now in the district judging the potato crop. The highest return was by Mr. Rositter, with 8 tons 15cwt. 41b.

LITHGOW, FRIDAY.

Owing to the exhaustion of the road votes, some maintenance men in this district have been temporarily discharged.

The distribution of prizes in connection with the local Superior Public school passed off successfully on Wednesday before a large gathering.

Efforts are being made to establish a dairy company at Wallerawang with a capital of £1000. A quarter of the shares have already been taken.

LIVERPOOL, FRIDAY.

At about 1 o'clock this morning the premises occupied by Dr. Beattie, and situate in Terminus-street, were totally destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire appears to be enwrapped in mystery, but the general impression is that it was the work of an incendiary. The fire is supposed to have started in the surgery, and although every effort was made by a willing public to get the fire under, their attempts were futile. The asylum hose arrived after the damage was done. All the doctor's books, surgical instruments, &c., were completely destroyed. Besides the whole contents of the premises. The building is the property of Mrs. Ashcroft, senior. Both the building and contents were uninsured. The doctor's loss is considerable.

MOSS VALE, FRIDAY.

This afternoon the Mayor, Mr. A. B. Young, presided at a large gathering of children attending the Public school, and their parents. An address and presentation were given to Miss Fisher, late assistant teacher at the Moss Vale Public School, and now of Willoughby, North Sydney. Mr. C. Coulson presented the gift, a handsome gold albert, and read the address.

AMUSEMENTS.

FILLIS'S CIRCUS.

There will be an afternoon performance at Fillis's Circus to-day, commencing at 3 o'clock. The programme has been specially selected by Mr. Fillis for the benefit of ladies and the juvenile portion of the community. The monkeys and ponies will play an important part in the bill to be submitted, and the clowns are expected to impart much fun. This evening the management announces a complete change of programme, when the principal item will be the sporting spectacle, "The Stag Hunt," in which the whole of the company will take part. The spectacle abounds with songs, and some good jumping is promised. Another feature of the performance will be the reappearance of the Bengal tiger, who will be put through a performance by its trainer; Little Bertie will likewise be seen on the flying trapeze. Several new musical acts will be introduced by Holt and Wallett, and altogether the programme to be submitted this evening promises to be fully up to the Fillis standard. Great preparations are going on for the coming water pantomime, which will be seen here on Boxing night. Among other novelties a small steam launch and canoes will be sent into the ring, which, for the time being, will be transformed into a lake. Upwards of a hundred maxitones will take part. There will be two performances of the water pantomime each day during the holidays for the benefit of visitors from the country.

WIRTH'S CIRCUS.

On Friday night next Wirth Bros.' colossal circus will open in the York-street Rink. The entertainment, it is announced, will eclipse all previous efforts put forth by the same company. No less than 70 performers have been engaged, a number coming direct from Sells Bros.' circus. Six entertainments will be presented in the one arena, among them being the performances by the great Mikado Troupe of Japanese, and the mixed troupe of Indian Arabs at the Convent school yesterday, the Rev. R. Kennedy presiding.

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The first six nights of "The English Rose" are announced at Her Majesty's Theatre, where this picturesquely-mounted drama continues to draw large audiences. Last evening the expressions of fear indulged in by Dickenson (Mr. Lionel Rignold), in the scene in which he is accused of the murder, kept the house in roars of laughter, and the pathetic interview between Father O'Malley (Mr. Paul) and Bridget O'Mara (Miss Henrietta Watson) at the Devil's Bridge proved touching. Mr. Rignold has decided to produce this year's pantomime on Saturday next (Christmas Eve), when one of the features in the production will be the richness of the Oriental costumes Auguste and Co. imported from London, as well as of the jewels and armour which forms part of the spectacle. Miss Maggie Moore will appear as Jessie, a young lass in love with Fatima (Miss Lilian Napier), and Mr. Lionel Rignold will play the part of Sister Anne. Mr. George Walton is to be Sir Henry Bluebeard, G.C.M.G. Mr. Martyn Hagon has been cast as O'Shaughlan, the valet, Mr. Sweeney as Iprahim, and Miss Bessie Rignold impersonates Queen Felicity.

The Criterion Theatre, entirely redecorated and improved, will be reopened by Messrs. Brough and Hanlon's new company, Wright, Lee, and Co., on Monday next, when "Much Ado about Nothing" will be staged. The Shakespearian comedy will be lavishly costumed, and the scenery—notably the set illustrating the marriage ceremony in the chapel—will be in every respect unexceptionable. Mr. W. S. Spong having supplied quite his finest pictures. The piece was first performed by this company in Melbourne last Christmas, and the production in Sydney was only postponed in order that the services of the Criterion Pantomime might be released sufficiently to admit the elaborate tableaux which give spectacular interest to the comedy. The Beatrice and Benedick of the new cast will be, of course, Mrs. Robert Brough and Mr. C. S. Titheradge, and the cast will also include Mr. Harwood as Dogberry, Mr. Robert Brough as Leonato, and Messrs. Sass, Ward, Greenaway, Chichester, Miss Gwynne, Miss Temple, and other old favourites on the cast. Reference to programme to the company's season at the Bijou Theatre in "Musical and Dramatic Notes."

Messrs. Williamson and Musgrove's new partnership will be inaugurated by the production at the New Princess Theatre, on Boxing Night, of "Little Red Riding Hood and Harlequin Boy Blue, or the Wicked Baron and the Naughty Wolf." The new pantomime is written by Mr. Bert Royle; there is incidental music by that charming composer of graceful pieces, Mr. Alfred Phillips, under whose baton there will be an augmented orchestra; and the scenery has been painted by Messrs. Phil. Goatcher and George Gordon. The chief characters will be taken as follow:—Little Red Riding Hood, Miss Alice Leamar; Boy Blue, Miss Addie Conyers; Jack, Miss Ada Lee; Miss Muffit, Miss Edna Carlyle; Jack Horner, Miss Cora Tinnie; Dame, Mr. Robt. Courtneidge; the Baron, Mr. Slade Murray; Fox, Mr. Fred Lawrence; Simple Simon, Mr. H. Vatsen; harlequinade by the Wallsala family, &c. Mr. Walter Raynham will direct the production. Mr. Geo. L. Goodman, who so long and successfully filled the same position at the Theatre Royal, is engaged in the same capacity at the Lyceum Theatre as acting-manager and treasurer and Mr. T. Howe will be assistant treasurer. Owing to the fact that the Pitt-street entrance is not yet ready, it is notified that on Tuesday next the box plans will be on view in Castlereagh-street, near Market-street.

At the Imperial Opera House the Rickards' Tivoli Company have during the week played to exceptionally large audiences, and as the programme continues in draw a thoroughly blending of the comic, some of the latest songs by Chevalier and others, which are at present encored nightly, no very important change will be made just yet. The chief alteration will serve to introduce Katie Rickards in a new song ("Mary Green"); the refrain of which "airy, fairy, contrary is Mary Green," will be sung by a chorus of 30 voices. Mr. Rickards will continues to convulse the house with "Those six girls I Work," "The Little Upper," &c., &c. Miss Katherine Vincent will play some of her most attractive violin pieces, and the other members of the company will repeat their first night successes.

The "Pinafore" concert announced by the Amateur Orchestral Society will be given at the Town Hall this evening at popular prices. At the regular concerts given by this society under Signor Hasse's direction a great deal of well-deserved enthusiasm has been excited by the playing of this orchestra, and the programme to-night, having been chosen by the mass of the audience, is full of tuneful music. Thus the event promises to be of unusual interest, and should attract a large audience. The programme, with result of the ballot, is as follows:—Overture, "Oberon," Weber (votes, 103); Larghetto from 2nd Symphony, Beethoven (votes, 108); Minuetto from Military Symphony, Haydn (votes, 93); polonaise, "Mignon," Thomas, Miss Marion Llewelyn; Spanish Dances, "Le Cid," Massenet (votes 168); Trumerei—Reverie, Schumann (votes 141), for strings only; overture, "Der Freischutz," Boeniel (votes 108). Second part; Fantasia Hungroise (pianoforte and orchestra), Liszt (votes 10); pianoforte, Mdme. Charbonnet-Kellerman; orchestra suite, "Peer Gynt," Grieg (votes 223); song, "Dear Bird of Wisdom," Marion Lewis; pianoforte; Intermezzo, "Lohengrin," Wagner (votes 200); Dance of the Hours, "Gioconda," Ponchielli (votes 176); Ballet, "Sylvia," Delibes (votes 159); accompanist, Miss Naylor.

The City Organist gave a recital at the Town Hall last night, which included a fantasia on the romantic opera "Oberon;" and in a different way the audience, which received Weber's music with applause, was impressed by Chopin's pathetic "Funeral March." Guilmant's number "Cradle Song" and devotional "Prayer," and Ketterer's popularly-written "Marche Solennelle," formed part of Mr. Wiegand's programme. The City Organist will play again on Monday evening.

The Sydney Philharmonic Society has convened a meeting for Thursday next, as notified elsewhere, to consider the position of affairs generally, including the question of the continuance of operations or otherwise. It is to be hoped that all who take an interest in music, as well as every section of the society itself, will be present, so that no opportunity may be lost through apathy of reviving the only association the city possesses capable of rendering with dignity and effect on a majestic scale the choral oratorios which all love so well. Signor Hazon has done so much to bring the Philharmonic Society forward on the road to perfection that disbandment at this juncture would be peculiarly disheartening.

The Sydney Liedertafel will give the last concert of their present season on Tuesday next, when the chorus will sing Dudley Buck's "On the Sea," and the same composer's cantata, "Nun et Nidaros," with Gounod's Christmas hymn, "O, Sing to Me," and other pieces. Miss Rissie Paige, a new soprano, Miss Ada Crossley (contralto), Miss Beatrice Griffiths, and M. H. Kowalski will be the principal soloists.

At the preliminary meeting was held at the Town Hall active steps have been taken in the matter of the benefit it is proposed to give to Miss Emily Soldene. It is understood that such liberal offers of assistance have been received from members of the musical profession that the benefit will probably take the form of a monster popular concert, with a first-rate programme, at the Town Hall on New Year's Eve.

The August Dramatic Club, consisting entirely of the past and present pupils of Mrs. Gehde, gave a successful performance in that lady's spacious ballroom, in Crown-street, on Wednesday evening. There was a large assembly on the occasion, and Byron's comedy, "Old Soldiers," and the farce "B. B." were effectively rendered under the direction of Mr. Henry Teece, "coach" to the amateur club. Mr. J. Moses appeared as Corporal Cassidy, Mr. Robert Edwards was the Captain M'Devin, and Miss M. White and Miss C. White, and Miss Gilmour, with Messrs. F. Foster, Wilkins, and Healey completed the cast. Some suitable musical selections were given under the direction of Mr. E. Gehde during the evening.

The Celtic Fair in George-street has been well patronised since the opening day, and there was a large attendance at the concert held last evening. To-night a special programme will be presented, and in addition to the concert, there will be a gymnastic display, which will doubtless prove very interesting. Among the many attractions may be mentioned a maypole dance and Punch and Judy show. The object of the fair is to raise funds for the re-building of St. Patrick's Convent.

The German National Fair at the Exhibition-building was fairly attended yesterday. Last night, in addition to the numerous side shows, there was a musical programme, one of the items of which was the song "Dear Heart," by Miss Laurent. A skirt dance was prettily given by a lady, whose performance was deservedly applauded. The fair has now been opened a fortnight, and has been a favourite resort for a promenade, not only on account of the prettinesses of the various stalls, but also on account of the numerous side shows. Among these are the shooting galleries and the Punch and Judy show. The latter especially has proved a great draw, owing to its novelty to many of the natives who have never seen such a great exhibition before. To-night the fair will close. Notwithstanding the large business that has been done there are still many articles that remain unsold, and the ladies are determined to get rid of these at any price. The special programme includes the Mentelle dances by the pupils of Miss Lily Wright, the Tyrolese singers, and a performance by Professor Beckford, with his marionette troop of funny little folks.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that at the Mortlake Palace Gardens this afternoon there will be sports and dancing.

The minstrel and variety company at the Alhambra Music Hall has done a fair amount of business during the week, and considering the dull times the management cannot complain of the number who patronise this place of amusement. The artists of the company have been received with enthusiasm, and especially has this been the case with Mr. George Fortescue and Miss Viola Fortescue. For Christmas week a number of novelties are promised.

Two sharks have been added to the tanks at the Bondi Aquarium. This afternoon besides the ordinary attractions a variety entertainment will be given in the large hall. A monster Christmas Carnival is in preparation.

"The Battle of Gettysburg," at the Cyclorama, continues to be attractive as heretofore, and no-one that many people from the country are coming to the city no doubt the daily average for the next few weeks will largely increase. The songs are nicely sung and are much appreciated. Additions to the realistic effects of the battle-field, the nurses on the battlefield, the soldiers, and thunderstorms.

SPEECH DAYS.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes won by pupils of St. Philip's Church of England Grammar School took place yesterday afternoon at the school buildings, Church-hill. The Primate presided, and there were also present the Rev. J. D. Langley, Rev. J. W. Gillett, and a considerable number of friends and relatives of the pupils.

After prayer,

The Head Master (Rev. W. S. Newton) read his report, which stated that during the three months which had elapsed since he had taken charge of the school he had been enabled to gain an insight into the characters and abilities of the boys, and had become imbued with the traditions and aspirations of the school. He was happy to be able to state that the result of the examinations had been satisfactory, and he was convinced that there were in the school many boys who would at the public examinations distinguish themselves and do credit to St. Philip's Grammar School. But it was a great and common error to judge a school by its clever

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The week is closing quietly in the Stock and Share market. Only two transactions were reported to-day in investment stocks. All Bank stocks were quoted as before. Steam, Insurance, and Gaslight were unaltered. Tooth's Brewery were offered at a lower price; other breweries being quoted as before. Beyond a sale of Eagle Tobacco at a slightly higher price all quotations of miscellaneous stocks were unchanged. Investment and Land and Building were quoted at late rates.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sale was reported to-day:—At 4 o'clock: Eagle Tobacco, 6s 3d. The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.		Buyer.	Seller.
BANKS.					
Aus. J. Stock	15½	20½	New Zealand	—	5
City	20	21	Do., Auckland	—	—
New Issue	20	21·3	Registn	93	5
Com. of Aust.	—	—	Royal of Queensland	75	84
Sydney Head	5½	—	Q. National	99	5
Com. of Syd.	115	116½	Union	55½	55
Federal	—	15			
N. S. Wales	60	70			
STEAM.					
Balm'n Ferry	—	11	N. S. Ferry	36	30
Illawarra	75	82·6	Port Jackson	7·6	—
INSURANCE.					
Aust. Mutual	—	15	New Zealand	65	72
City Mutual	—	3	United	62·6	63
Mercantile	—	6·6			
GAS.					
Aus. Gaslight	13	12½	Manly	—	20
C. of Sydney	25	27	North Shore	—	10
BREWERIES.					
Tooth's	17·9	18	Cent'm'se and	—	—
Marshall's	2	3	Wood Bros.	18·9	19·9
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Aarons's Exch.	6	7	Goldsbrough, Mort	—	12·6
Aust. Ker. and Oil	15	—	Goodlet Emery	1	—
Ditto, con.	—	5	Do., new issue	10d	—
City Surveying	1	1·3	Richardson & Wrench	—	15
Colon'l Sugar, £20 paid	26	30½	Shale and Oil	7·9	8·3
Dalgety & Co.	—	5½	Syd. Exch.	—	15
Eagle Tobacco	6	7	Syd. Hyd.	12	—
INVESTMENT AND FINANCE.					
Assets Realisation	—	44	Mont de Piété	21·6	23
Mort. Guar.	—	1·3	Perp'l Trust	17	1·10
			Perp'l Tr'st	15	16
LAND AND BUILDING.					
Commercial	—	55	Syd. and Sub.	—	8
Syd. Freehold	17	18			

On the Stock Exchange of New South Wales the following sale was reported to-day: Permanent Trustee, 1s 9d. The following are the closing quotations, except those corresponding with the figures of the Sydney Stock Exchange published above:—Australian Joint Stock Bank, buyer 19½, seller 20½; Bank of North Queensland, seller 57s 6d; City Bank, seller 9½; Commercial Bank of Sydney, buyer 116; Bank of New South Wales, buyer 58½; Queensland National Bank, seller 99·6; Mercantile Mutual Insurance, buyer 6s; Australian Gaslight, buyer 12, seller 12½; Emu Gravel, buyer 12s 6d; Hudson Brothers, buyer 1s, seller 2s; Sydney Hydraulic Power, seller 12s 9d; Broken Hill Water Supply, buyer 3s 3d; Colonial Finance, seller 6d; Mont de Piété, seller 22s 6d; Permanent Trustee, buyer 1s 8d; Equitable Building, buyer 5d, seller 5½; Industrial Provident Building, buyer 16½, seller 16½; Sydney Freehold Building, seller 13s 3d; Sydney Permanent Building, seller 5s; Sydney and Suburban Building, buyer 4s 9d.

The Tomora Municipal Council is advertising for tenders for a loan of £2000 for five years, at a rate not exceeding 6 per cent. per annum.

In the Equity Court to-day, Mr. Justice Owen sanctioned a resolution making an arrangement with the depositors of the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Company under the Joint Stock Companies Act, authorising the directors to exchange land for deposits.

The price of silver in London has again advanced ¼d per oz., and at 3s 2½d per oz. is quoted the same as a week back. The market price of our principal silver mines, however, has again receded since last Friday, the total being £4,864,832 against £5,079,166, showing a decrease of £214,334.

The London money market has an easier tendency, three months' bills in the open market having declined to 1⅞ per cent., while the Bank rate remains at 3 per cent. The weekly return of the Bank of England shows that the reserve has increased from £15,658,000 to £15,762,000, and the proportion of reserves to liabilities from 47·98 per cent. to 48·10 per cent. The return thus shows very little alteration in the week.

Our weekly list of London stock quotations show that New South Wales 3½'s, 1918, New Zealand 3½'s, Tasmanian 3½'s, and Victorian 4's, 1920, have each risen ¼, and Queensland 4's have advanced ⅛. Victorian 4½ have declined ⅛, probably owing to the large sales which are being made, it is said, in view of a further issue of new stock expected early next year. At the present price sellers will lose about 16s per cent. on the average price of issue of this stock, which was about £91 12s. Buying colonial stocks for the rise, by which the London brokers have made so much money in the past, has not "come off" this time, and with the exception of New Zealand securities there is no colonial stock of the last issues which could be sold at the present moment at a profit. Necessarily this will make all syndicates and brokers chary of subscribing for new loans at present. The fact that holders are selling Victorian 3½ per cents. at a net price of about £90 12s with a view to buy new stock at a lower price presents a timely warning to the Victorian Government of what it may expect from an early issue of fresh stock. And what is the case of Victoria is the case more or less of all the other colonies. If South Australia accepts an offer of 93 for the issue of £1,000,000 she will receive about £4 5s less than was obtained for her last issue of 3½ per cent. stock. Tasmania has been more fortunate in placing Treasury bills than New South Wales. The unplaced balance of this colony's last issue of Treasury bills has been withdrawn. Possibly the news of the deficit has influenced the Agent-General to remove the bills from the market. In the circumstances, it is fortunate for the Government that British trustees are readily absorbing the funded stock of this colony, which will yield them within a shilling or two of 4 per cent. The return is so much higher than is obtained for New South Wales 4 per cent. inscribed stock, of which the market price is 109, that it would be very strange if it were not preferred. There is at least £7 difference in favour of the colonial issue, and the security of the one is just as good as that of the other.

There is a further fall of 10s per ton on the price of tin in London. Straits being quoted at £91 10s. Copper has also declined 10s, the price of Chili being now £46 15s.

The local money market is unaltered on the week. Bank rates—deposit, discount, and exchange—are the same as they were a week ago. There is more inquiry for land and house property. The week's transactions are more numerous than usual, but few large sales are mentioned.

IMPORT MARKETS.

There is a marked diminution in trade in the Import markets, and it is thought that little beyond sorting up lines are likely to be moved off until the beginning of the year. Distributing houses, however, are still fairly busy in executing orders for delivery within the city, more particularly of goods for Christmas requirements.

The flour market is without quotable change. Bakers' parcels are moving as follows:—Roller flour, £10 5s to £10 15s; stone makes, £9 10s to £9 15s. New wheat is quoted at 3s 6d to 3s 7d, but there is yet little or none in the market. The Victorian harvest prospects are unfavourably affected by the wet weather. The *Argus* thus refers to a combination to maintain the price of flour, which has an interest here:—

An attempt is being made to form a combination of millers to regulate the price of flour, and the following notification is the first result:—"The Victorian Millowners and Flour Agents' Association. The price of flour for the year 1893 was fixed at a meeting of the Melbourne section of the above association, held on Tuesday, 13th instant, it was decided that for the present, in consequence of the scarcity of old wheat, the price of flour shall be £8 15s. or for net cash parcels £8 10s." As to the alleged scarcity of old wheat, millers have generally received of late that there is plenty of old wheat. Farmers will be encouraged by the notification given above to hold their wheat for better prices, and shipmasters will find, therefore, great difficulty in procuring supplies at equivalent prices to those realisable in London, and the export trade will be seriously impeded.

The London wheat market is 6d per quarter lower. In tea we note the sale of 200 half-chests China at 9½d, also of 120 packages of Ceylon at 8d to 14d. The tone of the market is still firm, notwithstanding that some buyers have been stocked up in anticipation of the imposition of a duty. Best quality of Ceylon plantation coffee is scarce, and worth 13½d. Currants are moving off at from 4½d to 4¾d according to quality, some inferior selling at a lower figure; oleines, at 4½d. Dates are held for 2½d, at which figure good trade sales are being made. Supplies of sugar are still coming forward freely, and in excess of the consumption. During the week the receipts into bond amounted to 1273 tons, and the issues 313 tons, of which 46 tons were exported. The present bonded stock is 10,649 tons, as compared with 11,139 tons at the corresponding period of last year. Best white is moving off at £23 15s to £24, and yellows from £20 to £22. The London market has advanced 3s per ton both for cane and beet sugar. The market for rice is steady, fine table selling at £16, concessions accepted for forward delivery; lower grades from £12 5s to £12 15s. The bonded stock of rice is now reduced to 121 tons, the supply being unusually light. White sago, 14½; pearl and flake tapioca, 19½ to 19¾. Pepper is moving off at late rates. There is rather more inquiry for sardines at previous quotations, but it cannot be said that the demand for this or any description of preserved fish is at all brisk. Supplies of Liverpool coarse salt are rather scarce, and 67s 6d is quoted, that being also the lowest figure at which Black Horse in quantity can be obtained. Stearine candles 5½d to 6d in parcels. Keen's quarter-pound mustard, 4s 6d; 7lb. packages, 6¾d. Blue and starch are quoted at late rates. A moderately-good trade is being done in pickles and salads, the market quotations being steady. In brewers' goods, malt from ship has been offering down to 6s 6d, but from store 6s 9d to 7s is asked. New Zealand is moving off, corn 5s to 5s 3d. Tasmanian hops, according to quality, is 2d to 1s 4d; a small parcel of prime quality sold at the latter figure. Kent's are quoted at 1s 10½ to 2s. A fairly good trade, though mostly in small lines, is reported in wines and spirits. Hennessy's single-star brandy 34s, and three-star 46s. Jules Robin and Bisquit Dubouche brandy also noticed. 1000 cases Usher's whisky quitted in two lines. Sales reported of Gaelic and Robertson's whisky. Geneva, 10s. There is very little doing in ale, the trade having been pretty well supplied under the fear of an increased duty, earlier in the month. Concerning the French vintage Vve. Binet Fils and Co. report:—

Our vintage is now in full swing and is taking place under the most favourable conditions; several frosts at Easter the weather has been all that could be desired. The result is that although the quantity is very short, the quality is excellent and is wanted for the English market. The wines are naturally nearly as dark as the 1874's, and they will be full of fruit, delicacy, vinosity and body. The smallest growths were first bought at extravagant prices, more than double those paid for 1888's, but the first and second growths were purchased for at from 30 per cent. to 50 per cent. under that to the district's cheaper than the 1889's. The purchases we have made place us in the position to promise our friends a future supply to follow the 1889's at same prices, although of a limited quantity. The 1890's are not fit for the English market and the 1891's are much worse, so we intend to confine our "avoue for England to the vintages of 1888 and 1892. We have often said that it is the sun that makes good champagne, and no 24-hour can hide the quality of an entire vintage; the few last days of August are the best illustration of that fact. The position of the champagne market has never been in a more critical condition, as phylloxera has been declared all over the district. So far it has only made its appearance and done no harm, but as it exists it has created a great feeling of uneasiness.

Galvanized iron is rather dearer, from £19 to £20 being quoted for parcels. The demand for fencing wire has slackened off, and £8 5s for No. 8 and £8 15s for No. 10 are now full prices for parcels. Kerosene is in moderate request at from 1s 2½d, the sale of 30,000 cases on private terms for February, April, June, and August shipment is reported. The bonded stock is now 17,648 cases against 45,424 cases at the corresponding period of last year. China oil is dull of sale at 3s. Castor quoted at 2s 5d. Raw and boiled oil, B. and S. at 2s 4½d for half and half. Business was done in cornsacks in quantities at 5s 6d, but the market is firmer, and 5s 9d is asked by some holders. Bran bags are quoted at 3s 10d. There is a slight improvement in the amount of business passing in drugs; quotations being without material change. 200 barrels of cement quitted; from 10s 6d quoted for the article according to brand. Lumber is dull of sale at easy prices.

The Customs revenue received to-day amounted to £7202 3s 8d. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1792 19s 7d; wine, still, £140 5s 10d; wine, sparkling, £24 16s; ale, porter, and beer, in wood, £34 15s; ale, porter, and beer, in bottles, £143 5s 10d; tobacco and snuff, £622 4s; tobacco unmanufactured, for manufacturing purposes only, £496; cigars, £23 13s 3d; cigarettes, £59 15s; sugar, unrefined, £1226 7s 6d; ditto, £260 7s 2d; dried fruits, £48 4s; spirits for fortifying wine, £20 12s 3d; brown and hams, &c., £29 18s 4d; candles, £15 18s 9d; confectionery, £13 11s 9d; dynamite and lithofracteur, £10 8s 6d; oils, dressed, perfumed, or not, £78 1s 9d; fruits, green, £102 10s; fruits, boiled, &c., £12 12s; fruits, green, £22 14s 1d; hay and chaff, £15 15s; jams and jellies, £19 9s 6d; meat, preserved, £9; oatmeal, £9; onions, £12 5s; paints and colours in oil, £50 3s 11d; paper, brown, £11 13s 9d; pepper bags, plain, £18 16s 6d; preserves, £8 4s; timber, undressed, £40 15s. Ad valorem:10 per cent., £901 1s 9d; 15 per cent., £223 12s 1d. Harbour and light rates, £87 10s 8d; pilotage, spelling, £110 9s 4d; quarantine, £7 10d; harbour dues, £3 10s; excise on tobacco, £25; excise on beer, £307.

EXPORT MARKETS.

The wool trade this week has been fairly brisk. The catalogues submitted have been the largest yet offered in any one week, amounting to 71,219 bales, against 47,000 bales the previous largest offerings, for the week ended the 2nd instant. But neither the proportion nor the absolute quantity of wool sold was equal to that disposed of in either of the two past weeks. Prices have been barely maintained, and some of the growers are not willing to accept of the reductions consequent on the weaker tone of the London market. The total of the sales amount to 28,859 bales, against 29,244 bales in the preceding week, and 31,749 bales in the week ended the 2nd instant. The proportion of the catalogues quitted was 77·4 per cent., against 89·9 per cent. the previous week, and 94·9 per cent. in the week before that. The effect of the diminution in the sales of the week is to reduce the proportion of the total sales from 91·5 per cent., last week to 85·3 per cent. This total quantity catalogued to-day is 71,219 bales, against 166,783 bales to the corresponding period of last year, and the sales amounted to 207,398 bales, against 119,618 bales a year back. Not only is the amount of wool offered so far this year largely in excess of last year's figures, but the proportion sold still more largely exceeds the returns of 1891, amounting to 83·8 per cent., as against 71·8 per cent.

The fifth series of London wool sales for the year terminated yesterday. The total quantity of wool offered was from 215,000 to 220,000 bales. Opening under good competition at an advance of from 5 to 10 per cent. on the closing rates of the previous series of sales, the sales progressed without much alteration. Then, however, the market began to give way to some extent, and to the end were rather weaker, finally closing from 3 to 5 per cent. below the closing rates of the October series of sales. Greasies are said to be from par to ½d higher, scoured from ½d to 1d, and greasy crossbred ½d higher. The following were the closing prices of the last series of sales, as given in Messrs. Buxton, Ronald, and Co.'s sales:—

		September Average.
Greasy.	Riverina—fair staple and condition	8d to 9d
	New England—fine, bluish, fair condition	8½d to 9d
Scoured.	New South Wales—fair, pink, rather fatty	1s 1d to 1s 1½d

Of the 212,000 bales sold about 72,000 bales were taken for home consumption, about 8000 bales were held over, the remainder going to the Continent and America. The following cablegrams have been handed to us for publication:—

By the Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Company, Limited, from Messrs. Helmuth, Schwartze, and Co., dated London, 15th instant:—"The sales closed to-day. Prices have become generally easier. As compared with closing rates of last series, prices for greasy are at par to ½d higher; for scoured, ½d to 1d higher; for greasy crossbred, ½d higher; for scoured, ½d higher. Total sold, 220,000 bales; total sold, 219,000 bales; export, 14,000 bales; home consumption, 72,000 bales."

By the Australian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited:—"Wool sales closed firmly. Prices are somewhat in a week or two ago, but compared with October have advanced fully 5 per cent.; merino greasy, which is little changed, and good scoured crossbreds, prices of which are barely maintained."

By Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, report, from Messrs. Sanderson, Murray, and Co., the following cablegram under date 15th December:—"Compared with closing rates good greasy merino combing shows no change, but inferior and medium classes greasy merino have declined 5 per cent., while scoured merino shows a smaller decline. The market is weak and irregular, and 600 bales have been sold over."

By Messrs. Winchcombe, Carson, and Co.:—"Prices have become greatly unsettled. We are now only about 5 per cent. above the closing rates of the September series."

By the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, London:—"Wool:—The sales closed fairly well this last. Since close of last sales greasy merino super., scoured merino med. un and inferior, fine and medium greasy crossbred, greasy merino lambs super., medium and inferior, and greasy crossbred lambs are 1d to 1d per lb. higher. Scoured merino super. is 1d to 1½d per lb. higher, and greasy merino medium and inferior are par to ½d per lb. higher. Fine washed and scoured has declined ½d to 1d per lb. Medium washed and scoured crossbred are par to ½d per lb. Inferior and coarse greasy washed and scoured crossbred are par to ½d per lb. higher. The total quantity sold during the past sales is 219,000 bales, of which 138,000 bales have been taken for the Continent and 8000 bales for America. It is estimated that 8000 bales have been held over for future disposal."

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

NEWCASTLE, FRIDAY.

Business shows a slight sign of improvement, probably on account of the approaching festive season. Preparations are being made to celebrate its advent, but not so enthusiastically as last year. An impression prevails that trouble will arise over the new miners' agreement, which, it is prophesied, will not be accepted by the majority.

The export of coal this week shows a falling-off amounting to 13,885 tons. Victoria took 5130 tons; Queensland, 1000; South Australia, 2700; New Zealand, 2275; Noumea, 320; Tasmania, 550; Hokuhuli, 1340; total, 13,885. Freights have experienced no alteration worth recording. The wool industry is still busy. The Geniata finishes loading on Saturday, and will leave for London on Sunday with about 8850 bales of produce. The market has no variations. Looking at trade all round, the shadow of depression still exists.

MELBOURNE, FRIDAY.

A very limited business was done to-day in investment stocks. Quotations generally were rather lower. The principal sales were:—Commercial Bank, £5 16s, £5 15s; National, 68 7s; Victoria, £8 6s 6d; Metropolitan Gas, £10 13s; National Trustees, 24s 6d; Trustees, Executors, and Agency, £6 6s; Union, 19s 6d; Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus, 18s 9d, 18s 11d; Silvertion Tramway, 65s, 66s, 65s; Coombs and Co., 20s 6d; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 12s; Standard White Load, 1s 5d.

Old wheat is quoted at 3s 3d to 3s 5½d; 2000 bags new sold at 3s 3s. Cornsacks are rather irregular at 5s 5d to 5s 6d; branbags, 3s 3d. Cement is selling to 12s 6d.

ADELAIDE, FRIDAY.

There is nothing new to report in connection with the wheat market. The amount of local business is restricted to small sales, while shipments oversea are not brisk. A week or two ago, reports of serious damage to the crops on account of the rough weather, red rust, and takeall, were coming to hand from various parts, from which causes it was feared the average would be seriously reduced. Large shipping parcels at Port Adelaide are quoted at 3s 5d for old and 3s 4½d for new, gross weight, bags included; smaller lots, 3s 5d; farmers' parcels at the outports, 3s 1d net weights. Flour is dull. The price is not indicative of firmness. Leading brands of patent roller are worth £8 10s, ordinary £8. The market is overstocked. Large parcels of bran are offering at 6½d without securing business. Pollard is scarcely saleable at 6½d to 7d.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 15.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS.

The issue department stock of gold coin and bullion is £23,370,000.

The banking department reserve in notes and coin is £15,762,000.

The proportion of reserves to liabilities is 48·10 per cent.

The circulation (excluding bank post bills) is £25,446,000.

Public deposits are £3,744,000, and other deposits are £2,838,000.

Government securities are £11,256,000, and other securities are £23,514,000.

MONEY MARKET.

Three months' bills are quoted at 1⅞ per cent.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

CONSOLS.

British 2½-2¾ per cent. (*Goschen's*) are quoted at 97⅛.

AUSTRALASIAN SECURITIES.

The following are the latest quotations for Australasian securities:—

New South Wales 4 per cent. Inscribed, 1933, January-July, 109.

New South Wales 3½ per cent. Inscribed, 1924, April-October, 96½.

New South Wales 3½ per cent. Inscribed, 1918, March-September, 95½.

Victoria 4 per cent. Inscribed, 1920, January-July, 103½.

Victoria 4 per cent. Inscribed, 1938, April-October, 101½.

Victoria 3½ per cent. Inscribed, 1923, January-July, 92½.

South Australia 4 per cent. Inscribed, 1916-36, April-October, 104.

South Australia 3½ per cent. Inscribed, 1950, January-July, 95, ex div.

Queensland 4 per cent. Inscribed, 1915-21, January-July, 102.

Queensland 3½ per cent. Inscribed, 1924, January-July, 99½.

New Zealand 4 per cent. Inscribed, 1929, May-November, 103½.

New Zealand 3½ per cent. Inscribed, 1940, January-July, 96½.

Tasmanian 4½ per cent., 1920-40, January-July, 97½.

Western Australia 4 per cent., 1934, January-July, 106.

THE METAL MARKET.

Chili copper is quoted at £46 15s (cash quotation) per ton.

Tin.—For Straits tin the three months' quotation is £91 10s.

Pig Iron.—For pig iron, Glasgow warrants No. 1, the cash price is 41s 9d. Steady.

THE SUGAR MARKET.

German beet sugar, 88 per cent., is quoted at 14s 1½d per cwt. ; JAVA, No. 14, 10s 6d.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Adelaide wheat, ex warehouse, 33s 6d, flat: Victorian, 33s, nominal; New Zealand long-berried, 32s, restricted.

Australian Flour.—Superfine, 28s 6d, flat.

FROZEN MEAT.

Canterbury mutton is worth 4 1-16d; Wellington mutton, 3¾d; New Zealand beef, fores 2d, hinds 4d; Queensland beef, fores 2½d, hinds 3d; Queensland mutton, 2¾d; Sydney mutton, 2¾d.

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EXPORT MARKETS.

The wool trade this week has been fairly brisk. The catalogues submitted have been the largest yet offered in any one week, amounting to 71,219 bales, against 47,000 bales the previous largest offerings, for the week ended the 2nd instant. But neither the proportion nor the absolute quantity of wool sold was equal to that disposed of in either of the two past weeks. Prices have been barely maintained, and some of the growers are not willing to accept of the reductions consequent on the weaker tone of the London market. The total of the sales amount to 28,859 bales, against 29,244 bales in the preceding week, and 31,749 bales in the week ended the 2nd instant. The proportion of the catalogues quitted was 77·4 per cent., against 89·9 per cent. the previous week, and 94·9 per cent. in the week before that. The effect of the diminution in the sales of the week is to reduce the proportion of the total sales from 91·5 per cent., last week to 85·3 per cent. This total quantity catalogued to-day is 71,219 bales, against 166,783 bales to the corresponding period of last year, and the sales amounted to 207,398 bales, against 119,618 bales a year back. Not only is the amount of wool offered so far this year largely in excess of last year's figures, but the proportion sold still more largely exceeds the returns of 1891, amounting to 83·8 per cent., as against 71·8 per cent.

The fifth series of London wool sales for the year terminated yesterday. The total quantity of wool offered was from 215,000 to 220,000 bales. Opening under good competition at an advance of from 5 to 10 per cent. on the closing rates of the previous series of sales, the sales progressed without much alteration. Then, however, the market began to give way to some extent, and to the end were rather weaker, finally closing from 3 to 5 per cent. below the closing rates of the October series of sales. Greasies are said to be from par to ½d higher, scoured from ½d to 1d, and greasy crossbred ½d higher. The following were the closing prices of the last series of sales, as given in Messrs. Buxton, Ronald, and Co.'s sales:—

		September Average.
Greasy.	Riverina—fair staple and condition	8d to 9d
	New England—fine, bluish, fair condition	8½d to 9d
Scoured.	New South Wales—fair, pink, rather fatty	1s 1d to 1s 1½d

Of the 212,000 bales sold about 72,000 bales were taken for home consumption, about 8000 bales were held over, the remainder going to the Continent and America. The following cablegrams have been handed to us for publication:—

By the Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Company, Limited, from Messrs. Helmuth, Schwartze, and Co., dated London, 15th instant:—"The sales closed to-day. Prices have become generally easier. As compared with closing rates of last series, prices for greasy are at par to ½d higher; for scoured, ½d to 1d higher; for greasy crossbred, ½d higher; for scoured, ½d higher. Total sold, 220,000 bales; total sold, 219,000 bales; export, 14,000 bales; home consumption, 72,000 bales."

By the Australian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited:—"Wool sales closed firmly. Prices are somewhat in a week or two ago, but compared with October have advanced fully 5 per cent.; merino greasy, which is little changed, and good scoured crossbreds, prices of which are barely maintained."

By Messrs. Winchcombe, Carson, and Co.:—"Prices have become greatly unsettled. We are now only about 5 per cent. above the closing rates of the September series."

By the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, London:—"Wool:—The sales closed fairly well this last. Since close of last sales greasy merino super., scoured merino med. un and inferior, fine and medium greasy crossbred, greasy merino lambs super., medium and inferior, and greasy crossbred lambs are 1d to 1d per lb. higher. Scoured merino super. is 1d to 1½d per lb. higher, and greasy merino medium and inferior are par to ½d per lb. higher. Fine washed and scoured has declined ½d to 1d per lb. Medium washed and scoured crossbred are par to ½d per lb. Inferior and coarse greasy washed and scoured crossbred are par to ½d per lb. higher. The total quantity sold during the past sales is 219,000 bales, of which 138,000 bales have been taken for the Continent and 8000 bales for America. It is estimated that 8000 bales have been held over for future disposal."

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

NEWCASTLE, FRIDAY.

Business shows a slight sign of improvement, probably on account of the approaching festive season. Preparations are being made to celebrate its advent, but not so enthusiastically as last year. An impression prevails that trouble will arise over the new miners' agreement, which, it is prophesied, will not be accepted by the majority.

The export of coal this week shows a falling-off amounting to 13,885 tons. Victoria took 5130 tons; Queensland, 1000; South Australia, 2700; New Zealand, 2275; Noumea, 320; Tasmania, 550; Hokuhuli, 1340; total, 13,885. Freights have experienced no alteration worth recording. The wool industry is still busy. The Geniata finishes loading on Saturday, and will leave for London on Sunday with about 8850 bales of produce. The market has no variations. Looking at trade all round, the shadow of depression still exists.

MELBOURNE, FRIDAY.

A very limited business was done to-day in investment stocks. Quotations generally were rather lower. The principal sales were:—Commercial Bank, £5 16s, £5 15s; National, 68 7s; Victoria, £8 6s 6d; Metropolitan Gas, £10 13s; National Trustees, 24s 6d; Trustees, Executors, and Agency, £6 6s; Union, 19s 6d; Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus, 18s 9d, 18s 11d; Silvertion Tramway, 65s, 66s, 65s; Coombs and Co., 20s 6d; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 12s; Standard White Load, 1s 5d.

Old wheat is quoted at 3s 3d to 3s 5½d; 2000 bags new sold at 3s 3s. Cornsacks are rather irregular at 5s 5d to 5s 6d; branbags, 3s 3d. Cement is selling to 12s 6d.

ADELAIDE, FRIDAY.

There is nothing new to report in connection with the wheat market. The amount of local business is restricted to small sales, while shipments oversea are not brisk. A week or two ago, reports of serious damage to the crops on account of the rough weather, red rust, and takeall, were coming to hand from various parts, from which causes it was feared the average would be seriously reduced. Large shipping parcels at Port Adelaide are quoted at 3s 5d for old and 3s 4½d for new, gross weight, bags included; smaller lots, 3s 5d; farmers' parcels at the outports, 3s 1d net weights. Flour is dull. The price is not indicative of firmness. Leading brands of patent roller are worth £8 10s, ordinary £8. The market is overstocked. Large parcels of bran are offering at 6½d without securing business. Pollard is scarcely saleable at 6½d to 7d.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 15.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS.

The issue department stock of gold coin and bullion is £23,370,000.

The banking department reserve in notes and coin is £15,762,000.

The proportion of reserves to liabilities is 48·10 per cent.

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Government securities are £11,256,000, and other securities are £23,514,000.

MONEY MARKET.

Three months' bills are quoted at 1⅞ per cent.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

CONSOLS.

British 2½-2¾ per cent. (*Goschen's*) are quoted at 97⅛.

AUSTRALASIAN SECURITIES.

The following are the latest quotations for Australasian securities:—

New South Wales 4 per cent. Inscribed, 1933, January-July, 109.

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THE METAL MARKET.

Chili copper is quoted at £46 15s (cash quotation) per ton.

Tin.—For Straits tin the three months' quotation is £91 10s.

Pig Iron.—For pig iron, Glasgow warrants No. 1, the cash price is 41s 9d. Steady.

THE SUGAR MARKET.

German beet sugar, 88 per cent., is quoted at 14s 1½d per cwt. ; JAVA, No. 14, 10s 6d.

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Adelaide wheat, ex warehouse, 33s 6d, flat: Victorian, 33s, nominal; New Zealand long-berried, 32s, restricted.

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Hay.—The supply available was 14 trucks. Lucerne, in bales, from Tamworth, sold at from 1s 11d to 2s 6d; truss, Molgrove, 1s 7d; Wilson, 2s 4d to 2s 6d; new oaten hay, in bundles, 5s to 6s; loose new oaten sheaves, 2s 11d.

Straw.—Three truckloads were forward. Straw, in bundles, realised 2s 8d per cwt.; derrick-pressed, 2s 6d.

Chaff.—Twenty-seven trucks were received. Good oaten and wheaten chaff was disposed of at from 3s 6d to 4s per cwt.; medium to inferior, 2s to 3s 5d.

Potatoes.—Six bags of potatoes from the Windsor district sold at 3s 5d per cwt.; and some from the same locality at 3s 2d.

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RINGS—DIAMONDS, RUBIES, SAPPHIRES, PEARLS, EMERALDS	from	£4	to £150
RINGS—WEDDING AND KEEPER, 18 CARAT	from	20s	to 30s
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STUDS—DRESS, DIAMONDS, RUBIES, SAPPHIRES, PEARLS	from	£3	to £25
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CHARMING Cottage RESIDENCE, known as Gib Farm, Bowral-road, Mittagong, for SALE, a bargain, Over 10 acres cleared, 4 acres of orchard. 10 rooms, billiard-room, dairy, stables, &c., and cottage. Apply
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FIFTY POUNDS DEPOSIT, BALANCE AS RENT. For SALE, GEM of a VILLA, at Summer Hill, new, 6 rooms, hall, entry, bathroom, verandah on three sides, garden, every convenience, only two minutes from station. Bargain. Myrtle Lodge, Moomble-street, Summer Hill, opposite church.

CHEAP INVESTMENT (Renwick-street, Leichhardt).—Brick COTTAGE, price £400.—Capital pair of Brick COTTAGES, let to tenants of long standing at 9s each, say, £46 16s per annum; land, 35 x 105; title, Torrens Act. Return 11 per cent. This is a bargain.
S. T. RODD, 86a Pitt-street.

ASHFIELD.—Mortgagee Sale.—The cheapest Residence in the market.—Most substantial Villa RESIDENCE (hollow walls), containing 8 rooms, kitchen, and offices; land nearly an acre; price £1050; also, to LET, at £108 per annum.
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GORDON.—A splendid Block of Level LAND, 2 to 4 acres, close to station, good position, £150 per acre.
Box 460, G.P.O.

FOR Private SALE, 3 Brick Cottages, freehold, 6s., &c., at 47 Forsyth-st. Glebe Point.

BLUE Mountains.—New 5-roomed Cottage, with 1-acre land, Glenbrook, £320. A.

Government Notices.

NOTICE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.

APPLICATIONS having been made to bring the lands hereunder described under the provisions of the Real Property Act, Certificates of Indefeasible Title will issue unless Caveats be lodged, in Form B of the said Act, on or before the date named opposite each case respectively.

Property.	Name of Applicant.	Residence.	Date up to and inclusive of which Caveats may be lodged.
No. 6892. Chat-wood, 2 acres 2 roods 37½ perches, in Victoria and Albert avenues—is section No. 6 of the Willoughby Estate.	Alfred Cook ...	Sydney ...	1893. 20th January.
No. 8805. Marrickville, 5 acres 3 roods 24½ perches, in Marrickville and Livingstone roads—is part of the Lilydale Estate.	Joseph Graham and Alexander Howlison.	Sydney ...	20th January.
No. 8809. Marrickville, 1 rood 5 perches, at the junction of Marrickville and Livingstone roads—is part of the Lilydale Estate.	Alexander Howlison.	Sydney ...	20th January.
No. 8860. Five Dock, 16½ perches, lot 18; 24 perches, lot No. 63; 18 perches, lot No. 113; and 18 perches, lot No. 118, in Fitzroy and Batteram streets.	John James Langdon.	Sydney ...	24th February.
No. 8868. County of Northumberland, 7981 acres 1 rood, on Wollombi Brook—comprises the following grants, viz.: 320 acres, 793 acres, seven grants of 160 acres each, 640 acres, 625 acres, 250 acres 1218 acres, 320 acres, and part of 320 acres to James Male, 2,000 acres to M. Hudson, 100 acres to John Brown, 746 acres to D. Masters, and part of 100 acres to James Neal.	Charles Henry Wombe M'Quade Durham and William James Hill Durham.	...	24th February.

Diagrams delineating these lands may be inspected at the Land Titles Office, in Elizabeth-street, Sydney.
Dated at Sydney, this 16th day of December, 1892, at the Registrar-General's Department.
CHARLES PINHEY, Registrar-General.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.

In the matter of the application of Edward Henry Rogers, Charles Cole Mednall, and Charles William Wiseman, mortgagees under a memorandum of mortgage from Robert Shannon, No. 117,087, dated 15th February, 1887, over Certificate of Title, vol. 778, folio 152.

WHEREAS the abovenamed mortgagees have made application for an Order of Foreclosure of the mortgage above referred to, accompanied by such evidence of default for six months and other facts as required by section 113 of the Real Property Act: NOTICE is hereby given, by direction of the Commissioners, to whom such application has been referred pursuant to the said Act, that the land comprised within the said mortgage, as hereunder particularised, is offered for and will remain open for sale until the 27th January, 1893, which date the said Commissioners have appointed as the time upon or after which the Registrar-General may issue to the applicant an order for foreclosure, unless in the interval a sufficient amount has been realised by the sale of such land to satisfy the principal and interest moneys due, and all costs and expenses occasioned by such proceedings, and interest up to the time of such sale.

Description of Property.	Amount to be Realised.	Last day limited for Payment.
1 rood 7 perches, being lots Nos. 6 and 16 of section 8 on 5872 deposited plan No. 707, situated in the parish of Mosgiong and county of Cook.	19s 9d, being principal and interest, 27th January, 1893, together with costs and expenses. Interest up to time of sale to be added.	

A plan and further particulars may be obtained by application at the Land Titles Office, Elizabeth-street, Sydney.
Dated at Sydney, this 16th day of December, 1892, at the Registrar-General's Department.
CHARLES PINHEY, Registrar-General.

REAL PROPERTY ACT.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ISSUE OF PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, vol. 71, folio 160.

Proprietor: HENRY JOHN PALMER. Land: 3 roods 20 perches, being lots 10 and 11 of section 6, situated in the town of Casino, parish of North Casino, and county of Rous.

THE proof of loss of the abovenamed original and other particulars required by section 86 of the abovenamed Act (with Vic. No. 9) before issue of Provisional Certificate of Title having been supplied, I hereby, with the consent of the Land Titles Commissioners, and in further pursuance of the requirements of this section, notify my intention to issue such Provisional Certificate of Title accordingly, at the expiration of twelve days from the date hereof.
Dated at Sydney, this 15th day of December, 1892, at the Registrar-General Department.
CHARLES PINHEY, Registrar-General.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 12th December, 1892.

THE following notice, transmitted by the Secretary to the Government of India, regarding the purchase of Remounts required for the use of the British Army in India, is published for general information.
GEORGE R. DIBBS.

Government of India,
Military Department,
Simla, the 17th October, 1892.
HORSES—REMOUNTS.
Notification.

With reference to the advertisement of the 6th October, 1891, it is hereby notified that the number of imported horses suitable for Army purposes, which, it is anticipated, will be purchased by the Government of India during the year 1893-94, is estimated at 1535. But this estimate is subject to alteration hereafter.

The horses are classed as follows:—

CLASS I.—AUSTRALIAN AND CAPE HORSES.

In Calcutta.		
Medium Cavalry and Hussars	170	770
Field Artillery	380	
Horse Artillery	220	
In Madras.		
Medium Cavalry and Hussars	95	300
Field Artillery	190	
Horse Artillery	15	
In Bombay.		
Australian, Cape, and other Horses.		
Field Artillery	168	250
Horse Artillery	82	
CLASS II.—ARABS AND PERSIANS.		
Medium Cavalry and Hussars	215	215
Madras Native Cavalry	818	
Total		1,535

2. The purchases will be made in Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, by Remount Agents under the orders of the Director, Army Remount Department.

3. The Remount Depôts will be open for the reception of horses from the 1st of November, 1893, to the end of the purchasing season.

4. Horses and mares of all breeds will be received, but they must be within the prescribed ages—4 to 6 years—and in the case of Australian horses 14 hands 3 inches to 16 hands high.

5. Grays will not be purchased for Horse and Field Artillery.

6. The average price for an Australian or Cape remount has been fixed at Rs. 65½, which will be paid at the Indian port of purchase. The average price for Persian remounts is Rs. 550, but every horse presented for purchase will be valued separately, and higher or lower prices may be given, provided that the average fixed above are not exceeded.

(Sd.) E. H. H. COLLEN, Major-General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Department of Public Works, Sydney,
December 16, 1892.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.
(For Conditions see Government Gazette.)

TENDERS for the Works, &c., specified below, will be received at this Department until 11 o'clock a.m. on the dates mentioned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28.
Bridge over Shoalhaven River, at Bullalalla, road Braidwood to Cooma
Bridge, Box Creek, road Oxley to Tarrawong, fresh tenders
Additions to Post and Telegraph Office, Raymond Terrace
Erection of Courthouse, Tvanrie
Erection of Post and Telegraph Office, Balmain West
Construction of Service Reservoir, Dubbo Water Supply, contract No. 2
Construction of Engine-house, &c., Dubbo Water Supply, contract No. 3
Construction of Pumping Machinery, Dubbo Water Supply, contract No. 4
Construction of Hand-weared Punt for Brunswick River, M'Cauley's Crossing
Erection of Screen Fence, Hospital for Insane, Newcastle
Erection of Railway Station Buildings at Kiama, fresh tenders
Additions Lockup Goal, Camobellown
Erection of Chimney Stack, Goulburn Goal
Supply of Cooking Apparatus, Goulburn Goal
Additions, &c., Police Officers' Quarters, Bourke
Erection of Cottage for Nurses at Hospital for the Insane, Rydalmere
Construction of Wharf at Wagonga, near Moruya.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11.
Bridge Rawy Bang, or Illunie Creek, at Koorwatha, road Cowra to Young.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.
The Treasury, New South Wales,
15th December, 1892.

BLUE WOVE QUADRUPLE FOOLSCAP.

TENDERS will be received at this office until noon of WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, for the supply of 3000 Reams of Blue Wove quadruple Foolscap, 55lb., each ream to contain 480 perfect sheets, and bearing the Watermark "N.S.W. Government" in each quarter of the sheet.

Sample may be seen at the Government Printing Office.

The paper to be packed in cases holding about 10 reams each, lined with tarred or oiled wrapper, and delivery to be made at contractor's expense, either at the Government Printing Office, Phillip-street, or elsewhere in Sydney, as the Government may require.

Tender forms can be obtained at the Treasury.

One-half to be supplied in June, 1893, and the remainder in December, 1893, or sooner if ready.

The contractor will be required to enter into a bond, with two sureties, in a sum equal to one-fourth of the amount of contract; and in the event of such bond not being executed within fourteen days from date of notification of acceptance of tender, the contract will be liable to cancellation.

The contractor will be required to pay one guinea stamp duty.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders must be addressed to the Under-Secretary for Finance and Trade, and endorsed "Tender for Blue Wove Quadruple Foolscap."

JOHN SEE.

Department of Public Works,
Government Architect's Branch,
Sydney, December 16, 1892.

TENDERS will be received at this Office up to 12 o'clock noon on WEDNESDAY, December 28th, for Repairs, Stableman's Cottage, Parliamentary Buildings.
W. L. VERNON.
Government Architect.

Artillery Brigade Office,
Victoria Barracks,
Sydney, December 9, 1892.

TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS are invited up to noon of MONDAY, the 19th December, for the Carriage of Guns and Carriages from Victoria Barracks, and Ordnance Store, Circular Quay, to South Head, Bondi, and Coogee, about 60 tons, to each place.

Specification can be seen and all information obtained from the Inspector of Ordnance Machinery, Artillery Workshops, Victoria Barracks.

Tenders to be addressed to the Officer Commanding Artillery Forces, Victoria Barracks.
(Signed) WARNER SPALDING,
Colonel C. A. F.

Ordnance Office,
December 15, 1892.

TENDERS will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, 28th day of December, 1892, from persons willing to Contract for the Emptying of Closet Tubs and Dustbins at South, Middle, George's, Bradley's Heads, George's Heights, Casemate Battery, George's Head, P. S. Miners (Chowder Bay), P. S. Miners (married quarters, George's Head).

Terms of contract and specification can be seen on application at the Ordnance Office, Circular Quay.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

By order,
J. T. BLANCHARD,
Major,
A.C.G. of O.

CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.

QUEENSLAND COASTAL SERVICES.

TENDERS are invited and will be received at the Office of the Postmaster-General, Brisbane, until noon of THURSDAY, December 29, 1892, from persons or companies desirous of contracting for the Conveyance of Mails for the Government of Queensland, between Brisbane and Cooktown, and Cooktown, Normanton, and Burketown, via ports, &c.

Printed particulars can be obtained on application at the Post and Telegraph Departments, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide.

TH. UNMACK,
Postmaster-General.

Post and Telegraph Department,
Brisbane, October 20, 1892.

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE, SYDNEY.

LEASE OF LAND, SEWAGE FARM, ROCKDALE.

TENDERS will be received at this Office until noon (12 o'clock), WEDNESDAY, 21st December, from persons willing to Lease Lot 13, within the area of the land resumed for Sewage Farm at Rockdale.

Particulars at the Office of the Engineer for Sewerage, 230 Pitt-street.

By order,
REGINALD BLOXSOME,
Secretary.

230 Pitt-street,
December 14th, 1892.

Books. Publications. &c.

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Spicerbitts Park, London, England.
SAMPLES and PRICES on application to our Colonial Representative.

G. S. MERCY.
215 Swanston-street, Melbourne.

TO TURNER AND HENDERSON.

Extract from Fiji Times, November 26, 1892.

"The Testimonial to Father Breheret was opened on Thursday and placed on view in one of the large windows of Messrs. Brodziak and Co.'s establishment. As was to be expected it has attracted a host of sightseers, its character naturally tempting the coloured races. By the colonists capable of appreciating the beauty of the work it is pronounced as something hitherto unequalled in the experience of Fiji. Messrs. Turner and Henderson have manifested a most intelligent comprehension in carrying out the wishes of the subscribers; and bearing in mind the fact that all instructions were necessarily conveyed by letter, the success of the pains taken by that firm in their endeavour to please their constituents is the more marked."

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Auction Sales.

TO DEALERS, BOARDING-HOUSE-KEEPERS, AND OTHERS.

HYAM HAINS has received instructions from Mr. T. Gallagher to sell by public auction, on MONDAY, at 11 a.m., on the premises, No. 124 Palmer-street, Woolloomooloo, near William-street,

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS

of a ten (10) roomed house,

Handsome walnut sideboard, 5ft., plate-glass back and front; telescope table, Austrian furniture Ornaments, glassware, E.P. ware Pictures, tables, washstands and ware 2½ 4-poster bedsteads and bedding, in A1 condition 6 chests drawers, commodes, safes Chiffonier, miscellaneous furniture Laundry utensils, sundries, &c., &c.

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VICTORIA-STREET, BURWOOD.

ATTRACTIVE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the

RESIDENCE of T. W. CHAPMAN, Esq., ROUGHTON, VICTORIA-STREET, BURWOOD, on

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21, at 11 a.m.,

of the WHOLE of his SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising

GLASS, CHINA, DRAWING and DINING ROOM FURNITURE,

AMERICAN WALNUT BOOKCASE, Pedestal WRITING TABLE, PIANO by BORD, BEDSTEADS, BEDDING, CARPETS, and KITCHEN UTENSILS.

NEWTON and LAMB have been favoured with instructions from T. W. CHAPMAN, Esq., to sell by public auction, at his residence, Roughton, Victoria-street, BURWOOD, on WEDNESDAY, 21st December, at 11 a.m.,

The WHOLE of his SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO by BORD, &c.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

VERY EXTENSIVE and MOST IMPORTANT SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the AUSTRALIAN AUCTION ROOMS, SPRING-STREET, ON AN EARLY DAY, of a large HOUSEHOLD of RECHERCHE FURNITURE and OTHER EFFECTS, comprising

RICHLY CUT GLASS, CHOICE HAND-PAINTED CHINA, VERY FINE SPECIMENS of ORIENTAL CHINA, GENUINE BRONZES, CERAMIC and MARBLE STATUETTES, VERY FINE ENGRAVINGS, CHOICE WATER-COLOURS, VERY VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS, HANDSOME BEDSTEADS and BEDDING of the best description, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, GARDEN SEATS, GARDEN TOOLS, and numerous other articles.

*** ON AN EARLY DAY.

NEWTON and LAMB have been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, at the Australian Auction Rooms, spring-street, on an early day,

RECHERCHE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ITALIAN-TONED PIANOFORTE, and other effects.

*** CATALOGUES WILL BE DULY COMPILED.

THURSDAY Next, December 22, at 11 o'clock.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, on the premises, ESPERANCE, EDGECLIFFE-ROAD, WOOLLAHRA, of Useful Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

WALTER RUSH and CO., having received instructions from Mr. G. C. Cates, will sell by public auction as above,

The whole of his useful HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

Auctioneers' Offices and Rooms: 88 Queen-st., Woollahra.

EDGECLIFFE-ROAD, WOOLLAHRA.

SEMI-DETACHED COTTAGE, known as ESPERANCE, built of brick on stone, slate roof, containing 3 rooms, hall, scullery, bathroom, washhouse with copper and fixed tub, gas and city water laid on, connected with sewer, flower and vegetable gardens.

LAND about 18 x 136, lane at rear.

TITLE FREEHOLD.

WALTER RUSH and CO. have received instructions from Mr. G. C. Cates to sell by public auction, ON THE PREMISES, on THURSDAY NEXT, 22nd December, at 11 o'clock (prior to the commencement of the sale of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS),

THE ABOVE PROPERTY.

Terms at Sale.

Auctioneers' Offices and Rooms: 88 Queen-st., Woollahra.

RANDWICK.

LAND SALE on the Ground, OBERON ESTATE, RANDWICK, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1892, VALUABLE ALLOTMENTS of LAND, on THE OBERON ESTATE, near the existing tram line.

THE SITUATION IS PERFECT, being elevated and sheltered. All the land now offered has frontages to made streets 66ft. wide.

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS are obtainable of Botany Bay, Lady Robinson's Beach, Kogarah, Newtown, and the Blue Mountains.

THE PROSPECTIVE VALUE of this land should also be taken into consideration. The tramline will be extended to the new Rifle Range very soon, passing some of the frontages of this land, and a suburban railway will pass within a few yards of the estate.

LOTS 3 and 4, SEC. 1, each having a frontage of 20ft. to Avoca-street by a depth of 100ft. on a lane at rear.

LOT 11 SEC. 1, having a frontage of 34ft. to Avoca-street by a depth of 100ft., also Oberon-street; a corner allotment, to a lane at rear.

LOTS 88, 94, and 95, SEC. 4, each having a frontage of 20ft. to Darley-street, and 80ft. (normal) respectively to Tupe-street, by a depth of 97ft. to a lane at rear.

TITLE, FREEHOLD.

F. W. H. PEARCE, AUCTIONEER, RANDWICK, has been favoured with instructions from the vendors to submit the above valuable land for auction sale on the ground as above,

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 17, at 3 in the afternoon.

Terms and Conditions at Sale.

Messrs. SLY, HAMILTON, and RUSSELL, Solicitors, 226 George-street, Sydney, are Solicitors for the Vendors.

THIS DAY.

MARRICKVILLE. MARRICKVILLE.

POSITIVE CLEARANCE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

On THE GROUND, VICTORIA-ROAD SUBDIVISION, corner of VICTORIA-ROAD and CHAPEL-STREET.

16 LOTS.

Lots 4, 5 have COTTAGES on them, also 14 SPLENDID BUILDING LOTS.

DUFF and RHODES have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the GROUND, THIS DAY, SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER, at 3.30, by order of F. B. Rentnell, Esq., Solicitor, the Liquidator of the British Australian Land and Banking Company, Limited.

Easy Terms. Title, Freehold.

Plans and further particulars DUFF and RHODES, Auctioneers, 190 Pitt-street.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

ORDER OF SALE of BLOCKS OF LAND, to be Sold by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, at 11 a.m. In the ROOMS, 29 Hunter-street, C. F. W. LLOYD and CO., Auctioneers.

KOGARAH, Barrview Estate.	LOTS 5 and 6, section 1, Barview Estate.
ALEXANDRIA, Severn-street.	LOTS 28 and 32, section 7. Title, Torrens.
ROOKWOOD, Raphael-street.	LOTS 9, 10, and 11. 168 x 116. Torrens.

Terms, Cash.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

BOYD'S ORCHARD ESTATE, TURRAMURRA, the Pick of the LANE COVE District.

SIEVERS, VIAN, and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction, on the ground, when the railway from MILSON'S POINT to HORNSBY is opened, which will be early in the New Year,

The above ESTATE, in subdivision.

Buyers are invited to take advantage of the Christmas holidays to inspect the above estate (600ft. above sea level).

SIEVERS, VIAN, and CO., 80a Pitt-street, and at Turramurra.

Under Instructions from the Hon. HENRY COPELAND, Minister for Lands.

LIVERPOOL.

78 LOTS of LAND, in area from ¼-acre to 5 acres, adjoining the Town of Liverpool, and ½ to 1½ from the railway station, being a subdivision of the Land known as the LIVERPOOL COMMON.

HARRY SCRIVENER has been favoured with instructions to sell by public auction, on the ground, on SATURDAY, January 21, at 3.30 p.m.,

The above valuable blocks of land.

Plans and particulars on application to Auctioneer.

ORDER OF SALE.

CITY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION at THE ROOMS, at 11.30 a.m. MONDAY NEXT, 19th DECEMBER, 1892.

WOOLLOOMOOLOO. Corner Block of Land, Liverpool and Riley streets, and Semi-lane, with House, No. 186 Riley-street, thereon. Deceased estate.

WOOLLOOMOOLOO. House, Burton-lane, off Burton-street, No. 7, Oxford-street. Deceased estate.

SURRY HILLS. Two Houses, Nos. 6 and 8 Little Bloomfield-street, off Campbell-street, between Crown and Bourke streets. Deceased estate.

MACDONALDTOWN. Corner Cottage, George and Thomas streets. Mortgagee's sale.

MACDONALDTOWN. Block of Land, fronting George-street, adjoining above. Mortgagee's sale.

MACDONALDTOWN. Corner Block of Land, Barrow and Thomas streets. Mortgagee's sale.

MACDONALDTOWN. Terrace of four Houses, Nos. 92 to 98 Barrow-street. Mortgagee's sale.

WAVERLEY. Padbury-terrace, three Houses, Mackenzie-street, off Spring-street. Deceased estate.

FOREST LODGE. Two Shops and Dwellings, Nos. 24 and 26, of brick, each 4 rooms; also Cottage at rear of w.b., 2 rooms and kitchen. Total rental, £157 6s yearly. Near two trams, in populous district.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 19th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock,

Above profitable property, Forest Lodge. (3999)

WENTWORTH FALLS, BLUE MOUNTAINS.

FOUR 1-ACRE BLOCKS, VILLAGE OF BRADFORT.

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The following ACRE BLOCKS, in village of Bradford, West north Falls :—

Lot 10, sec. 10, corner of Bowen and Parker streets

Lot 4, sec. 2, fronting Fitzgerald-street

Lot 7, sec. 2, fronting Pritchard-street.

*** These Villa Sites are situated convenient to railway station, Wentworth Falls is one of the deservedly popular resorts on the Blue Mountains.

Plan on view at the Rooms.

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Fuller particulars in future issue.

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Messrs. STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN are Solicitors for the Mortgagees. (4004)

SURRY HILLS LAND SALE, on the Ground, 3 p.m. sharp, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON.

DENISON SQUARE SUBDIVISION, fronting DOWLING-STREET, MOORE PARK, CLEVELAND-STREET, BOURKE-STREET, &c., &c., &c., on EASY TERMS and TORRENS TITLE.

Lithos. obtainable.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited. (3989)

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE, by Order of the Mortgagee.

MACDONALDTOWN FREEHOLDS, only a few yards from the RAILWAY STATION.

Lot 1.—CORNER land having about 50ft. 2in. frontage to GEORGE-ST., with depth along Thomas-st. of 104ft., extending to lane at rear. On it is a Cottage, No. 16, of brick on stone, iron roof, verandah front and rear, and containing hall, 6 rooms, kitchen, stabling of iron at rear.

Lot 2.—VACANT LAND (adjoining above), having 30ft. frontage to GEORGE-STREET, depth 102ft., extending to lane at the rear.

Lot 3.—VACANT CORNER, having 46ft. 2in. frontage to Burren-st., depth along Thomas-st., 91½ft., and extending to lane.

Lot 4.—Adjoining above. TERRACE of FOUR HOUSES, Nos. 92 to 98 BURREN-STREET, of brick on stone, iron roofs, verandah and balcony in front, and each containing 4 rooms, kitchen, and washhouse with copper. Rents 12s each per week. LAND, 50ft. to BURREN-ST., depth 91½ft. back to a lane.

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The above well-situated properties, only a few feet from Macdonaldtown *Railway Station*.

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ELIZABETH-STREET, ASHFIELD.

Neat and most comfortable Residence, 5 rooms, in Bungalow, near Federation-street, and handy to both Ashfield and Croydon stations. It is built of brick on stone, slate roof, with verandah and balcony, hall, 6 good rooms, pantries, bathroom, kitchen, conservatory, washhouse, detached conveniences.

Land, 50 feet frontage to Elizabeth-street, by a depth of —feet.

FOR POSITIVE SALE.

Solicitor to the deceased Estate is L. F. Heydon, Esq., of 416 George-street.

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Above residence, Elizabeth-st., Ashfield. (4015)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1893.

KATOOMBA NORTH.

MOST CENTRAL POSITION.

FIRST SUBDIVISION of that SPLENDID ESTATE facing the railway and Bathurst-road on the NORTH SIDE, overlooking the Laura Estate and MEGALONG VALLEY, within six minutes of the CARRINGTON HOTEL and RAILWAY STATION, and extending to Laura platform.

HALF A MILE of RAILWAY and ROAD FRONTAGE within the Municipality of KATOOMBA.

Grand views, city comforts, good roads, gas and water. The only mountain residence sites available in this beautiful township.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS and Orchard and Garden Blocks.

The survey has been completed, and lithographs will be issued shortly.

TITLE, CROWN CERTIFICATE under Real Property Act.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited (in conjunction with Messrs. Fraser and Co.), have received instructions to sell by auction, ON THE GROUND, SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY, Some of the choicest building sites at Katoomba.

The opportunity for purchasing portions of this splendid estate has at last arrived.

The TERMS will be liberal, and the estate is for Absolute Sale. (3978)

RIGHT of DEPASTURING CATTLE in THE OUTER DOMAIN for the YEAR 1893.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, have received instructions from the HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, the SIR G. R. DIBBS, to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, on THURSDAY, 22nd December, at 12 o'clock (noon),

The right to depasture two young and four quiet horses in the Outer Domain for the year 1893.

Upset Price, £100. (4012)

A RARE OPPORTUNITY to acquire CENTRAL CITY PROPERTY, fronting GEORGE and PITT STREETS (in one or two Lots), a little north of GENERAL POST OFFICE and those extensive and attractive Business Premises now erecting for the EQUITABLE LIFE Assurance Company of the United States, and the great Retail Establishments of Messrs. Flavelle Bros. and Co. and W. H. Paling and Co., corner of Boonara and Parkes streets

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THIS DAY, DECEMBER 17, STRATHFIELD.

By ORDER of the TRUSTEES. In the Estate of the late Wm. Redman, Esq. ABSOLUTE CLEARANCE SALE, on the GROUND, at 3 o'clock THIS AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 17, the UNSOLD ALLOTMENTS on the REDMAN'S ESTATE and EMERALD HILLS ESTATE, situate just off the Boulevard and the Liverpool-road, LITHOGRAPHS and a Plan to be had at the Rooms on application.

Terms, 5th cash, balance in 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, and 36 months, 6 per cent. interest.

TORRENS TITLE.

HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

THIS AFTERNOON.

Sale of Redman's Estate. By Order of Trustees.

At 3.30 o'clock, RUSSELL-STREET, BURWOOD. At 4 o'clock, EMERALD HILLS, STRATHFIELD. Good land, very easy terms. HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

AT THE BONDI TRAM TERMINUS. FOR SALE IN ONE LOT, THE UNSOLD ALLOTMENTS in the GARNET-OF-SEA SUBDIVISION, situate fronting WAVERLEY-STREET, GLEN-STREET, and DENHAM-STREET, as per Plan, on view at the Rooms, 188 Pitt-street.

TITLE, TORRENS.

A. J. Pope, Esq., Solicitor for Mortgagee, Pitt-street. These ALLOTMENTS occupy an elevated situation, are close to the Bondi Aquarium, and command grand views of the ocean.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 188 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1892, The above described property.

CONTINUATION SALE to the Rooms, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

BOWRAL.

RUNNYMEDE PARK LAND SALE.

220 ACRES in 5-ACRE and 10-ACRE BLOCKS, all fresh land, between BOWRAL and BURRADOO, close to the country residences of Trust Smith, Esq., J.P., Dr. Chisholm, J. Bartlett, Esq., W. Roberts, Esq., and others.

TORRENS'S ACT TITLE.

TERMS: 10 per cent. deposit, balance in 16 quarterly payments at 6 per cent., or 20 per cent. discount for cash.

BOWRAL is 2171ft. above sea level, and is one of the most healthy and prosperous towns in Australia.

PLANS NOW READY.

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In the Estate of the late Mr. A. FINLAYSON.

NORTH BOTANY. FOR POSITIVE SALE.

6 ALLOTMENTS of LAND, each having 43ft. frontage to IRONSIDE-STREET, by depths varying from 126ft. to 140ft., being lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, section 2, of Robertson's Subdivision, as per plan. Title, freehold.

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The above-described Allotments, situate just off the BOTANY-ROAD, adjoining Birdsall's Tannery, and commanding an elevated position.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

KOGARAH, ON THE HEIGHTS, within 8 minutes' walk of the Railway Station.

A W.B. COTTAGE RESIDENCE, situate fronting WARIALDA-STREET, between Union and Guinea streets. Contains 5 rooms, detached kitchen, shed, and stabling, garden in front and at side. THE LAND has 90ft. frontage to WARIALDA-STREET, by a depth of 125ft., being Lot 17, section 4, of a subdivision adjoining the railway station. TITLE, TORRENS. The House is at pre-sent vacant, and here can be obtained at the Rooms of the Auctioneers, 188 Pitt-street.

T. B. ROLIN, Esq., Mortgagee' Solicitor, Pitt-street.

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NORTH BOTANY.

VACANT BLOCK of LAND, having frontages of 40ft. 9in. to RANDOLPH-STREET and 45ft. 9in. to HUMPHERY-STREET by a through depth of 181ft. 4in., being lot 14, sec. 15, of Wardell's Subdivision.

TITLE, TORRENS' FREEHOLD.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 188 Pitt-street, at half-past 11 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1892, The above-described block of land at NORTH BOTANY.

At BEAUMONT, Illawarra line, adjoining National Park.—W.B. Cottage, HILLCREST, 4 rooms, kitchen, verandah, and stable, with acre garden and orchard of well situated, a few hundred yards from the railway station, and close to the Public School. The land consists of lots 6 and 7, sec. 6, Government Land Sale, 4th September, 1885. Title, Torrens.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions from the owner to sell by public auction, at their Salerooms, 188 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock, WEDNESDAY, 21st DECEMBER,

The above-described little property, at Heathcote, 20 miles by rail from town, 626ft. elevation, which has been used by the owner as a country box or retreat, and is for such purposes admirably suited, enjoying all the advantages for which the National Park is noted.

The cottage has been built about 7 years, and has hitherto been utilised as a holiday resort.

Full particulars and arrangements to view on application to the Auctioneers. IT WILL BE SOLD CHEAP.

MANLY BEACH. THE QUEEN OF WATERING-PLACES.

A FIRST-CLASS BUILDING SITE, situate fronting RAGLAN-STREET, BETWEEN THE NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THE MANSE, and IMMEDIATELY FRONTING THE PARK, in a most open and elevated position close to the Pier, Corso, and all important Public Buildings.

THE LAND possesses 20ft. frontage to RAGLAN-STREET by a depth of 125ft. TITLE, FREEHOLD. H. C. Wengarth, Esq., Solicitor for Vendor, Bondstreet.

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The land as above described.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE. AT A GREATLY REDUCED PRICE. LIVERPOOL.

4 miles from Liverpool and only 17 miles from Glenfield. A FARM, known as THOMPSON'S FARM, containing an area of about 86 acres, one of the best farms in the district, situated on the Georges River, partly cleared; 40 acres of which are cleared, 9 acres are under cultivation and planted with 950 summer fruit trees, the whole secured by substantial fencing, and divided into 5 paddocks. There is a six-roomed W.B. Cottage, also three-roomed slab Cottage, underground tank, &c. Title, Freehold.

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The above-described farm.

BURRELL and ALFRED STREETS, WAVERLEY.

LOT 1.—AN ATTRACTIVE W.B. COTTAGE, with iron roof, containing hall, 6 rooms, bath-room, kitchen, pantry, washhouse, &c., let to Mr. Wise at 15s a week, fenced with a 6ft. paling fence. THE LAND has a frontage of 60ft. to ALFRED-STREET, by a depth of 120ft. TITLE, TORRENS.

LOT 2 adjoining Lot 1.—A BLOCK of LAND, situate as last mentioned, 50ft. frontage to BURRELL-STREET, by a depth of 120ft. along ALFRED-STREET, being Lots 15 and 16, Section 1, of Bennett's Subdivision, as per plan. TITLE, TORRENS.

These Lots will first be submitted in one line, and if not sold will be offered as set forth.

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The above-described properties at WAVERLEY.

PLAN ON VIEW.

BY ORDER OF THE NEWCASTLE AND STOCKTON LAND AND COAL COMPANY, LIMITED, NEWCASTLE, N.S.W. (Head Office, Melbourne.)

AN EXCEEDINGLY VALUABLE AND EXTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL AND COAL PROPERTY, situate in the parishes of Thornton, Sutton, Stowell, and Eldon, in the county of Gloucester, ABOUT 1 MILE FROM RAYMOND TERRACE, ON THE HUNTER RIVER, and 8 MILES FROM THE IMPORTANT CITY OF NEWCASTLE, the centre of the coal-mining industry of New South Wales.

THE PROPERTY CONSISTS OF 11,572a. 2r. 22½p.

FREEHOLD LAND all fenced, and mostly level country, with small ridges and shallow swamps, which can be easily drained. With the exception of these latter, which are nearly if not wholly devoid of foliage, all the ridges are well timbered. The soil upon the ridges and high land is good, and, when cleared of timber, well suited for agricultural purposes and producing fruit trees and farm products equal, if not superior, to any in the district.

There can be no doubt that several valuable seams of coal underlie the whole of the property, one seam having been struck on the north-west of the property which proves that the seams extend through and under the entire area.

The property being freehold, has a decided advantage over the majority of coal properties in not having any royalties to pay.

The property is situated in the centre of a most flourishing agricultural and pastoral district, the settlers on which having in a very short space of time acquired independent positions.

There appears to be very little doubt that a north coast railway will shortly be constructed, which will particularly pass through the property, thus enhancing the value to an enormous extent.

Having regard to the undoubted value of the land surface, the timber and the coal underlay, the property possesses an enormous value which can scarcely now be realised.

TITLE, PART FREEHOLD and PART TORRENS.

TERMS of SALE: ½ Cash, and balance by instalments extending over 1, 2, and 3 years.

Plans and all detailed particulars can be obtained on application to L. Levenson, Esq., 27 Rothschild-chambers, Collins-street, Melbourne, or to the Auctioneers, at 188 Pitt-street, Sydney.

HARDIE and GORMAN have been favoured with instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 188 Pitt-street, Sydney, on 11.30 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1893, the above-described property.

SPIT-ROAD, MOSSMAN'S BAY. Great Land Sale, TO-DAY, 3 p.m. FREE OMNIBUSES, MILSON'S POINT C. 2.30 p.m. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.

SURRY HILLS LAND SALE, 3 p.m. TO-DAY, Denison-square Sites. R. and W., Ltd. (3980)

DICKSON'S ESTATE, Waverley, for auction, This Afternoon, on ground. 3. and H., 76 Pitt-st.

WELLINGTON-STREET, WATERLOO, a few yards off Elizabeth-street, and facing right down Hanover-street.

A VACANT BUILDING BLOCK, 44ft. 8in. frontage to Wellington-street, by depth of 108ft. 3in., backing on to Mr. Weeks White's large factory. Torrens Title.

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IN A DECEASED EST

Funerals.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mrs. MARY NERNEY are respectfully requested to attend her Funeral; to move from 9 Glebe-place, off Norton-street, Glebe, THIS (Saturday) MORNING, at 8.30, to R.C. Cemetery, Waverley. W. J. DIXON, Undertaker, 183 George-street W., 120 Oxford-street. Telephone, 386.

THE FRIENDS of JOHN and JENNIE GRIEVE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, John David: to move from their residence, 1 Sydney-st., off Cowper-st., Balmain N., THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery. Wood and Co., undertakers, Syd., Balmain, Petersham, St. Leonards.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. ALFRED M'ARTHUR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SON, Ronald Ernest; to move from his residence, No. 186 Louisa-road, Balmain, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY, Undertakers, Sydney, Balmain, Petersham, St. Leonards.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. WILLIAM GOOD are kindly invited to attend his Funeral THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON; to move from his late residence, No. 338 Harris-street, Ultimo, at half-past 1 o'clock, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. T. DIXON, Undertaker, 29 Oxford-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. J. S. M'ARTHUR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved GRANDSON; to move from her son's residence, No. 196 Louisa-road, Balmain, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY, Undertakers, Sydney, Balmain, Petersham, St. Leonards.

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THE RELATIVES and FRIENDS of Mrs. S. FERRACANE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved DAUGHTER, Linda S. A.; to move from No. 1 Colwyn-terrace, Brighton-street, Petersham, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Petersham station, thence Rookwood Cemetery.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. ALBERT DUFFIELD are invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Hannah; to move from the Officers and Members of the Lodge Midlothian, No. 678, S. C., are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of our late Brother WILLIAM GOOD; to move from his late residence, No. 338 Harris-street, at 1.30, an't proceed to the Rookwood Cemetery. GEORGE H. DAVIES, Secretary